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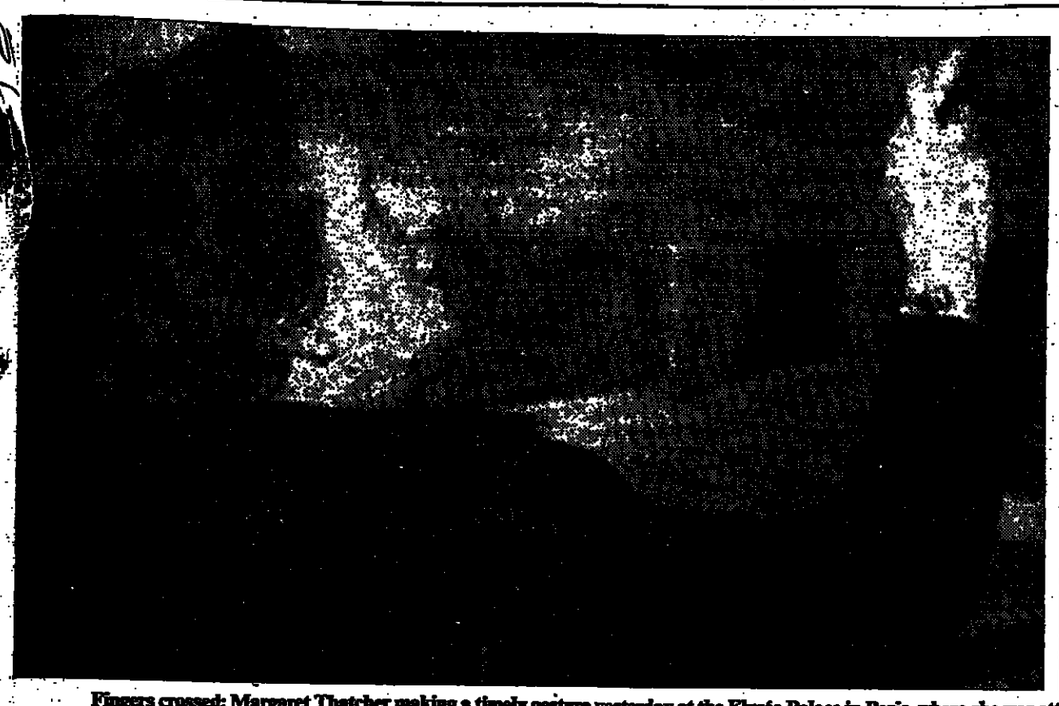
Thatcher and Heseltine at centre stage in Paris and London



JOHNNY EGGITT

Fingers crossed: Margaret Thatcher making a timely gesture yesterday at the Elysée Palace in Paris, where she was attending the signing of the arms treaty, while Michael Heseltine leaves his London home for a day on the campaign trail

Tory leadership race is now 'too close to call'

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

THE overwhelming view among Conservative MPs last night was that today's contest between Margaret Thatcher and her challenger, Michael Heseltine, was too close to call.

As the two camps traded claims of their levels of support in the first serious challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership in 15 years, MPs were expecting one of two outcomes. Either there would be an inconclusive first ballot, which would raise questions about the wisdom of Mrs Thatcher continuing in the race, or she would win on the first ballot, but with Mr Heseltine gaining a substantial vote and with her authority impaired.

Westminster was rife with rumour and speculation as the last day strains of campaigning showed. Thatcher supporters raised the spectre of a Heseltine win on the first ballot in an attempt to steer waverers back into the prime minister's camp. Mr Heseltine argued that those who wanted to see Douglas Hurd, John Major or any other candidate in a second-round contest had to vote for him in the first.

Last night, George Younger, Mrs Thatcher's campaign manager, said: "We think there will be a clear victory in the first round." With apparently equal confidence the Heseltine camp predicted that their man had enough votes to force a second ballot.

Norman Tebbit described the prime minister's mood as "tough and bouncy".

Mr Heseltine told *The Times* that he had entered the contest with more than 100 votes pledged, that the number had since increased "significantly" and was atill increasing.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, called for a general election within a month of today's vote, saying that voters should be given the earliest opportunity to decide how the country was governed.

In some of the sharpest language of the campaign, Nicholas Ridley, the former trade secretary, accused "three or four" unnamed senior politicians of planning a medieval palace revolution against Mrs Thatcher for reasons of personal ambition.

Mrs Thatcher, at the European security conference in Paris, said: "It's not time to write memoirs yet." She earnestly believed, she said, that she would still be prime minister at the end of the week. She would be glad when the election was over so that the party could unite and go forward to the next election.

Also in Paris, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary and the leading candidate to come in on the second ballot if Mrs Thatcher were to stand down, called for an end to leadership contests while the Conservative party was in government. He said that the procedure had never been designed to dislodge a prime minister elected by the nation.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Heseltine responded to the prime minister's allegations in her *Times* interview that he would bring in Labour policies and jeopardise all that she had stood for.

He complained that only an intellectual contortionist could take such a view of his record, noted that the prime minister had happily promoted him within her cabinet and pointed out that ministers and MPs throughout the party had invited him to speak in

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Ridley: "Palace revolution against Mrs Thatcher"

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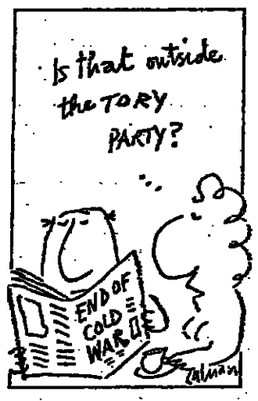
Hot favourite

Margaret Thatcher is 1/3 odds on favourite to stay as leader of the Conservative party according to bookmakers Coral yesterday although they reduced the odds on challenger Michael Heseltine from 11/2 to 5/2. In third place is Douglas Hurd at 8/1.



Last rites and fine burial for cold war

From Michael Binyon in Paris

THEY came to bury the cold war, and yesterday's summit had all the feel of a working funeral. Margaret Thatcher wore black. President Mitterrand, leading the obsequies, was solemn to the point of lugubrious. Flags fluttered everywhere. Official corteges roared up and down the streets. World leaders ate with each other from morn till night.

In the general confusion leaders, limousines, speeches, briefings, receptions, photo opportunities and corridor consultations became enmeshed in diplomatic traffic jams that even 10,000 police and an army of quarrelling journalists were unable to disentangle.

The Cold War, of course, was buried with all pomp and honour. The 34 mourners sat around a huge oval table, gazing at a cut-out map of North America and the Eurasian landmass. In the corner at a side table sat the lonely Albanians, invited to watch but not to join in the rites. Outside the chamber altogether were the lonelier representative of the three Baltic republics, who tried to funeral-barge but were told the ceremony was by invitation only. Two interlopers did manage to get in: Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, representing a better world of universal peace, and Jacques Delors, who, at least for some, represented a nightmare vision of a federal Europe.

But it was farewell not only to the Cold War. Many presidents and prime ministers were wondering whether it was their last glimpse of some familiar faces. Would Mrs

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Superpowers unite at CSCE to condemn Iraq

From Michael Binyon and Michael Evans in Paris

BOTH the American and Soviet presidents condemned Iraqi aggression yesterday as they joined the leaders of 20 other countries in signing a non-aggression declaration and an arms treaty that will reduce conventional weapons in Europe by almost a third.

President Bush said that human rights and the rule of law were being "grossly violated" in the Gulf. He called on all those who had signed the Helsinki accord on human rights to stand firm against the Iraqi abuses.

Speaking during the opening session of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), Mr Bush said: "Our success here can be neither profound nor enduring if the rule of law is shamelessly disregarded elsewhere."

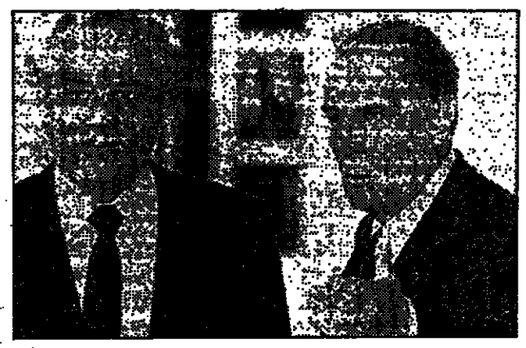
President Gorbachev also took the opportunity in his speech to the 34-nation summit to emphasise that the Soviet Union and the US stood united in condemning the Iraqi aggression. He said the Soviet Union would remain "firm and determined" in implementing the UN Security Council's resolutions.

The common stand on Iraq yesterday underlined the new mood of co-operation that now exists between East and West on issues which used to create divisions. Yesterday, after the initial arms treaty signing ceremony at the Elysée Palace, involving the 22 countries of Nato and the Warsaw Pact, the leaders of the two alliances moved over to the Kleber Centre for the opening of the CSCE summit.

Mr Bush, with Iraq in mind, said the CSCE principles on human rights should not be confined to Europe — there should be no geographical limits. Margaret Thatcher said the 1975 Helsinki accord which stood at the heart of CSCE should be seen as a model for human rights in other parts of the world.

Although most of the speeches focused on the unprecedented changes in Europe and the expectations for continuing improvement in relations, Mr Gorbachev appealed for further arms cuts in the next round of conventional forces talks. Repeating a long-standing Soviet position, he said that naval forces should be included. He also said he was ready to start talks in about a month on reducing tactical nuclear weapons, based on the idea of "minimal deterrence".

His call for further arms cuts, however, was not echoed by Mrs Thatcher. She said: "We have made tremendous progress in reducing conventional forces in Europe ... But I don't think we should expect further dramatic reductions in forces. Security comes from knowing that you have a strong defence."



Mitterrand and Gorbachev, left, in Paris yesterday

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Saddam reinforces Kuwait troops

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Editor

IRAQ said yesterday it would to increase its forces in Kuwait by 250,000 troops and claimed that the United States would need three million men in the Gulf before attempting an invasion.

The move reflected anger and alarm over the West's rejection of President Saddam Hussein's offer on Sunday to release the 2,000 foreign hostages in batches over three months from Christmas Day.

The reinforcement, bringing Iraq's forces in Kuwait to about 600,000, was decided at a meeting between Mr Saddam and senior commanders. Baghdad is thought to suspect that a Western attack may be launched soon, perhaps before America's own forces are reinforced.

President Bush, Margaret Thatcher and Douglas Hurd, the British foreign secretary, in Paris for the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, saw the hostage offer as a cynical ploy. "It just shows again that he regards these human beings as tools of his human shield policy", Mr Hurd said. Mrs Thatcher said the only way President Saddam could avoid war would be to withdraw quickly.

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Recession official and biting hard

By Tim Jones, Employment Correspondent

EXTENSIVE proposed lay-offs by the Rover car group and a decision by The Prudential, Britain's largest life insurance company, to sell its entire stock of 560 estate agents' offices yesterday confirmed City fears that Britain is now officially in recession.

Government figures showed the economy declined 1 per cent between the second and third quarters, its sharpest quarter on quarter fall since the last recession 10 years ago.

This negative growth, although mainly reflecting lower North Sea oil production, means this quarter should provide the second consecutive quarter of economic shrinkage to meet the standard definition of a recession.

Managers at Rover are planning to lay off 1,500 workers at Colwey, Oxford, producing the luxury 800 series, to avoid having to stockpile thousands of cars which have no buyers because of the economic slump. Production of the company's middle range Maestro and Montego models are so far unaffected.

The Prudential announced its decision after sustaining heavy losses in the last two years. As it moved towards achieving the position of biggest estate agent in the propery boom, it paid heavily to buy the chains it needed, spending an estimated £200,000 a branch. After making £17.2m profit in 1988, the Pru's estate agency arm lost nearly £49m last year and reported losses of £23.7m in the first six months of this year.

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French chase John Barnes

Marseilles, the French football champions, have enquired as to the availability of John Barnes, the England and Liverpool forward. John Toshack, the Welsh coach of Real Madrid, has been dismissed ..... Page 36

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Maldives threat

The remote republic of the Maldives, whose 1,200 coral islands rise no more than 6ft, is fighting to save itself from vanishing beneath the ocean. Hussain Shihab, the director of environmental affairs said: "The world will have 200,000 environmental refugees on its hands" ..... Page 9

Shamir defiant

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, has risked American anger by reasserting the need for Israel to maintain its hold on the occupied territories ..... Page 10

Ageing threat

Singapore — Populations in Asia are ageing much faster than in developed countries and could pose problems for the region by early next century, Paul Cheung, director of the health ministry's population planning unit, told a seminar here. *(AFP)*

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British politics the best, but not so its youth

By John O'Leary
Higher Education Correspondent

WHATEVER doubts there may be about the state of Britain's political leadership, they appear not to be shared by European businessmen. A survey carried out in five countries has found that British politics are the envy of France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

More than 500 businessmen from Britain and her four European partners were polled on a variety of subjects by academics at Buckinghamshire College of Higher Education. They were asked to name the top and bottom countries in everything from the arts to telecommunications, as well as the nationality most like themselves.

Apart from the French, who rated themselves top in most categories, most of the businessmen placed Britain top both for political awareness and leadership. A college spokesman said: "I am quite sure they would have related the leadership question to Mrs Thatcher. There is no question that she has got a very big following in the business community."

The British were also rated highly in law, medicine and the arts; poorly in food, fashion and linguistic ability. There was general agreement that their youth was the worst behaved in Europe.

All nationalities, including the Italians, rated Italy bottom for political leadership. Continuing with established national stereotypes, the businessmen gave Italy top marks for art, architecture and fashion.

Overall, the Spanish fared least well, scoring poorly in business, technical development, film and theatre, fashion, food and railways. The compilers of the survey put part of their poor rating down to ignorance abroad.

No one country came out top for the quality of life, but France and Germany both scored well. Each of the five countries considered its own literature to be the best.

French film, fashion, food and railways were considered the best. Germany won out in business, technology, languages and education, as well as having the best-behaved youth.

The Germans joined both British men and women at the bottom of the fashion league. Germans were also considered the least artistic, but most committed to medicine and ecology, and the best for industrial relations.

The survey was conducted early this summer among businessmen divided equally between the five countries. The college has extensive European links and David Baker, the member of staff responsible, is a member of the European market researchers' professional body, ESOMAR.

Britain's high political ratings appear to reflect grudging respect, rather than any sudden change of European identity. The French, Italians and Spanish all considered the British less like them than any of the other nationalities in the survey. The British considered the Germans most like themselves, but the compliment was not returned since the Germans identified most closely with the French.

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Hurd adds voice to call for change in rules

By Nicholas Wood, political correspondent, in Paris

MARGARET Thatcher predicted yesterday that she would be confirmed in her post as prime minister in the Conservative leadership election today as Douglas Hurd added his voice to those arguing that the party's election rules must be changed.

The foreign secretary indicated that he believed that today's election should be the last occasion on which an incumbent prime minister was subjected to the pressures of a vote by backbenchers.

Mrs Thatcher's confident prediction that today's first round of voting would be enough for her to repulse Michael Heseltine's challenge came at the 34-nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in Paris. She said: "I most earnestly believe that I shall be in No 10 Downing Street at the end of the week and a little bit longer than that. What makes me so confident? I think I have a marvellous team working for me and we are all very optimistic."

Her comments at a press conference at the British embassy came after the ceremony in which 22 Nato and Warsaw Pact countries signed the conventional forces in Europe agreement that ends the Soviet supremacy in tanks and guns on the Continent and marks the end of the Cold War.

Mrs Thatcher reminded backbench Tory waverers that

Hurd: political turbulence a distraction

it had been her government's determination in the face of the Soviet threat that had led to this "marvellous" deal. "I think we can claim that we have played a big part in it, first with the co-operation of President Reagan and then with President Bush, in staunchness on defence and in willingness and skill in negotiations."

Mr Hurd said that the prime minister could take a great deal of personal credit for ending the Cold War. The treaty "owed a great deal to the firmness which she and others have shown in resisting the unilateralist".

Mrs Thatcher denied that Mr Heseltine's challenge had placed her under strain in Paris as she sought to convey the impression of business as usual while fighting for her political survival at home. She admitted, however, that she would be glad when the election was over.

Earlier eyebrows were raised when she abruptly cut short a joint press conference with President Bush after a few minutes and after just one question on her domestic difficulties. She left the United States leader to field reporters' questions, but her aides maintained that she had had to leave early because she was required at the signing ceremony earlier than the president.

Mr Hurd admitted that the "political turbulence" in London was a distraction to the business of the conference, but said that as a "professional" Mrs Thatcher was getting on with the job in hand. He confirmed that the telephone lines between Paris and London were buzzing with the latest intelligence on Mr Heseltine's challenge.

Mrs Thatcher was getting a "good deal of personal sympathy" from world leaders, the foreign secretary said. That was mingled with surprise that Tory party rules allowed a challenge to a sitting prime minister with a hat trick of election victories behind her.

"I think most people find that an odd arrangement. I must say that the longer we live with it, the odder I find it. It is a process designed for dealing with a party in opposition. It is very, very strange to see it being used to dislodge a prime minister. After it is all over, the party will want to consider that point. It is only when you get into it you realise what a strange notion it is."

Cranley Onslow, chairman of the backbench Tory 1922 committee, has said that the leadership rules would have to be reviewed.

Mr Hurd said he shared the prime minister's confidence about the outcome of today's ballot of Conservative MPs. "I have a strong feeling that come Wednesday morning she will be back, and securely back, we will be able to get on with our real jobs." His optimism was based on a personal hunch, "a certain pricking of the thumbs" and "a good deal of telephoning".

The foreign secretary said he agreed with the prime minister that it would be the cruellest thing to depose her after three election victories. "Of course, it would be cruel. Politics are occasionally cruel. It would also be highly undesirable."

President Bush, while insisting he would not interfere with domestic British politics, made clear that he was not looking for a change of leadership in London. "I stay out of all this, but we have a superb relationship with Mrs Thatcher. It is indeed a special relationship," he said at a press conference at the US embassy.

Mr Hurd, mentioned as a possible second-round contender for the Tory leadership if Mrs Thatcher was knocked out in the first ballot, declined to be drawn on his position. He said he did not want to go beyond the joint statement he had issued with John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, on Saturday in which they said they believed the issue would be resolved in Mrs Thatcher's favour in the first round.

Mrs Thatcher will be joined by Peter Morrison, her parliamentary private secretary, today. She will be at the British embassy tonight when the results come through from London at about 7.30pm local time. She is due to fly back to London at lunchtime on Wednesday after a meeting with President Gorbachov.

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SIMON WILKINSON

Just passing through: Norman Tebbit seizes the opportunity to stage an impromptu press conference outside Michael Heseltine's home yesterday

Tebbit takes campaign to challenger's doorstep

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

NORMAN Tebbit took the prime minister's re-election campaign to Michael Heseltine's doorstep yesterday.

As Mr Heseltine's former ministerial colleagues lined up to question his recollection of the events that led to his resignation from the cabinet in January 1986, Mr Tebbit staged an impromptu press conference outside the former defence secretary's London home. The former party chairman, who lives near to Mr Heseltine, seized his opportunity as he returned home after giving a television interview.

During the interview, on BBC television's *On the Record* programme, he denied Mr Heseltine's allegation that the prime minister had read out to his fateful last cabinet meeting the conclusions of a meeting that had not taken place. Mr Tebbit, one of Mrs Thatcher's campaign organisers, said that he had been puzzled by Mr Heseltine's claim. He was sure that the 22 people present would agree that this had not happened. Mrs Thatcher had read out a statement saying that future statements about the cabinet should be co-ordinated through the Cabinet Office. "It was that that Mr Heseltine found unacceptable because he could not accept collective cabinet responsibility."

Asked if he was accusing Mr Heseltine of being untruthful Mr Tebbit said: "I think his recollection is muddled. Mine is very clear and I have checked with others who were present."

Mr Tebbit added: "It's a very great pity Mr Heseltine should say what he did about the Westland affair. I feel it was particularly wounding because I had made efforts to save Michael from resigning at that time."

The previous summer he had warned Mr Heseltine of problems facing the Westland helicopter company, but Mr Heseltine had told him: "That's your problem mate, not mine." Mr Heseltine had pointed out that the Ministry of Defence could buy helicopters from many foreign suppliers if Westland collapsed.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, who was chief whip at the time, has also said that Mr Heseltine's recollection of those events is faulty.

Mr Heseltine has said that five weeks before he resigned, he warned the prime minister that he would step down if he was denied his constitutional right as the defence secretary to put his case about Westland Helicopters to the cabinet. "She read out the conclusions of a meeting, of a discussion, which had not taken place," Mr Heseltine said.

Mr Heseltine repeated his charge in an interview with *The Times* (see page 2) yesterday. He said that the cabinet had been precluded from discussing the issue. Mrs Thatcher had read from a document that had been prepared before the cabinet meeting in drawing the meeting to a close.

"What was said was unacceptable to me because it was to close the option of an examination by the cabinet of the Europeam solution for Westland," he said.

Mr Heseltine reiterated that five weeks before the meeting he had given the clearest possible indication that if the cabinet were not allowed to examine the matter he would not remain a member of it.

Heseltine poor at his job, Ridley claims

By Philip Webster

MARGARET Thatcher is facing a medieval palace revolution from three or four disgruntled people who see their chances of becoming prime minister slipping away, Nicholas Ridley alleged yesterday.

The former trade and industry secretary said that her present difficulties had arisen "because too many colleagues have been frustrated in their ambitions to become prime minister" and did not think they were going to make it before they were too old.

They were therefore trying a coup, a sort of medieval palace revolution, he said on BBC's *The World at One*. Using some of the most extreme language of the campaign Mr Ridley warned pretenders that if they succeeded in wresting powers from Mrs Thatcher they would find a majority in the party refusing to support the policies they brought forward.

Mr Ridley backed Mrs Thatcher's strong criticism of Mr Heseltine in her interview in *The Times*. Mr Ridley said he had followed Mr Heseltine to the environment department. "There was a tremendous lot to do as a result of his stewardship. He did not actually run that department quite as well as he keeps on telling us he did," he said.

"If you look at what he (Mr Heseltine) has been saying and the policies he has been putting forward, they go back to the old days of massive intervention in industry, consensus between trade unions, industry and government. That was the thing which was damaging our economy most."

Mr Ridley suggested that the single currency would be a suitable subject for either a referendum or approval as part of a general election manifesto. Even if Mr Heseltine got more than 100 votes Mrs Thatcher should adopt the same posture as she did at the Rome summit. "There is no halfway house between joining a single currency and not joining it," he said. "If Mr Heseltine ever were to be prime minister and were to seek to join a single currency, he would lose among 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the Conservative party in the House of Commons and probably the same sort of proportion in the country."

Options facing Thatcher if she loses the ballot

By Richard Ford, political correspondent

IN her thirty-eight years on the throne, the Queen has accepted the resignation of seven prime ministers for reasons ranging from ill health and electoral defeat to retirement.

If Michael Heseltine wins an outright victory on the first ballot, he becomes leader of the Conservative party but he will not automatically become prime minister. Having lost the support of her parliamentary colleagues, it is expected that Margaret Thatcher would go to Buckingham Palace to tender her resignation. As the parliamentary party would have chosen a successor, the Queen would send for Mr Heseltine and ask him to form a government.

Two other, though unlikely options, could be tried by Mrs Thatcher in an effort to retain power, according to one political scientist. Even though she would have lost the support of a majority of her Conservative colleagues, Mrs Thatcher could go to the House of Commons to try to secure a majority for her government or she could request the Queen to dissolve Parliament and call a general election.

Denis Kavanagh, professor of politics at Nottingham university, said: "I find it inconceivable that Mrs Thatcher would take either option as they would cause a serious constitutional clash."

In the event of the prime minister failing to win an outright victory on the first ballot and subsequently deciding not to enter the second round, it is likely that she would inform the Queen of her intention to resign as soon as the party had completed the necessary procedures for electing a successor.

Professor Kavanagh said that if Mrs Thatcher lost the Conservative leadership contest and resigned as prime minister, the circumstances facing the Queen would be similar in some, but not all aspects, to those facing the monarch after Harold Wilson's departure from office 14 years ago.

The key difference between 1990 and 1976 was that Labour's leadership contest was triggered by Mr Wilson's decision to retire voluntarily, whereas if Mrs Thatcher quits, she will have been forced to do so by parliamentary colleagues.

In 1976, Mr Wilson remained prime minister from March 16, when he announced his intention to resign, until April 5 when James Callaghan beat Michael Foot in the contest for the Labour leadership in a third ballot.

On that day, Mr Wilson went to Buckingham Palace to formally tender his resignation and he was followed within two hours by Mr Callaghan who received the Queen's commission to form a government.

Labour query on royal role

By Robert Morgan, parliamentary staff

LABOUR backbenchers with no part to play in the Conservative leadership contest yesterday sought to ascertain the Queen's constitutional position.

Their points of order in the Commons about the roles of the House and of the Queen were turned aside by the Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, who said: "It is certainly not a matter for me." Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, asked whether, in the event of the dismissal of a prime minister, the House would be required to divide at any time. Mr Weatherill told him that he could not answer a hypothetical question.

Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover and expert on parliamentary procedure, suggested that whatever the outcome of today's ballot, Mrs Thatcher could still carry out her duties as prime minister. She might, he suggested, even force the cabinet into reconsidering the whole affair. The matter might eventually be one for the Queen.

Tony Banks (Newham North-west) complained that Bernard Ingham, the prime minister's press secretary and a civil servant, far from being impartial, was being used by the prime minister to give press briefings denigrating Michael Heseltine. Mr Weatherill told him: "I understand Mr Bernard Ingham has been giving press briefings for about 10 years."

David Winnick (Walsall North) said that the question of the next prime minister was entirely one for her Majesty to decide.

Currency vote 'a short-term tactic'

By Jamie Dettmer

MARGARET Thatcher's sudden mention of the possibility of a referendum on a single European currency was seen at Westminster yesterday as a short-term tactic for the prime minister to outflank opponents in her party.

Mrs Thatcher has not been a notable proponent of referendums. Like most Tory MPs in 1975, she followed with no great passion the Conservative line that a referendum on Common Market membership was right and proper because of the high constitutional importance of the issue.

Her advocacy in an interview in last weekend's *Sunday Telegraph* of a referendum over a single currency is seen as part of a tactic to appeal over the heads of cabinet colleagues to an electorate she believes is opposed to economic union.

Mrs Thatcher is not the first British leader to want to use a referendum as an escape from party divisions. Harold Wilson was eventually persuaded to back the idea of a referendum on the European Community because he could use it as a popular measure to attack the Conservative government while at the same time heading off a damaging split within his own party.

The 1975 vote on the Common Market was Britain's first national referendum and there have been three provincial referendums. In 1973 the border poll in Nothern Ireland to establish whether Ulster wanted to remain in the United Kingdom was undermined by a nationalist boycott. In 1979 Wales and Scotland voted on whether they wanted devolution. The Welsh voted against devolution but the Scots majority for devolution failed to gain the required percentage.

Politicians in Britain have generally been opposed to referendums because they believe it is the responsibility of parliament to make decisions and for the people to make their views known by how they vote in general elections. Supporters of referendums argue that people vote for a party on a wide range of issues and do not give a mandate for just one.

Dr Vernon Bogdanor, Fellow of Brasenose college, Oxford, said: "It is rather like a jury being told that it can only convict on all counts rather than on just one or two. There are strong arguments for having referendums on issues concerning the transfer of sovereignty. You could say that power is delegated by the people to government but not delegated to be given away."

Referendums are more common in dozens of countries. Australia has had more than 40 on constitutional issues since the turn of the century. The Australian electorate tends to vote for the status quo and only eight referendums have been passed.

While Australian referendums are restricted to questions of constitutional change,

Jenkins: Referendums a weapon against progress

referendums in several other countries are called on matters of public interest. Italy has had dozens, on hunting, divorce and abortion. Again the tendency is for the status quo. Only the referendum on divorce managed to struggle through.

Several liberal British politicians have been concerned about the use of referendums because of their fear that progressive ideas will not be backed. In his resignation letter as deputy leader of the Labour party, Roy Jenkins described referendums as a "powerful continuing weapon against progressive legislation". He continued: "I would not fancy the chances, to take a few random but important examples, of many measures to improve race relations, or to extend public ownership, or to advance the right of individual dissent." However, referendums in California on progressive issues have frequently found favour.

Mrs Thatcher should, however, be wary of banking too much on a referendum. General de Gaulle had to resign in 1969 after a referendum on a constitutional amendment went against him.

Streamlining of proposed geography lessons urged

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE government's advisers on the national curriculum are urging it to streamline proposed geography lessons to attain greater clarity and make the assessment of pupils easier.

The National Curriculum Council says that the proposed format is too cumbersome and repetitive. In its final advice to Kenneth Clarke, education secretary, the council suggests cutting the seven attainment targets and programmes of study to five, and the 269 statements of attainment to 211.

Duncan Graham, the council's chairman and chief executive, said: "There was an enormous amount of overlapping, asking the same questions in slightly different form. Putting them together has resulted in greater rigour and clarity. Our proposals are simpler and more understandable and will make assessment easier and less burdensome."

The council also said that for geography to be taught successfully teachers would need extra training, and many primary schools and some secondary schools would need new equipment, such as up-to-date atlases.

After consultation, the council also recommended that combined GCSEs should be available linking geography with, for example, history or economics. Children not taking geography at GCSE should continue to study all the attainment targets but in a reduced number of areas.

The five attainment targets for children aged 5 to 16 will be geographical skills, knowledge and understanding of places, physical geography, human geography, and environmental geography. Three of the original seven attainment targets, the home area and region, the United Kingdom within the European Community, and the wider world have been combined under the knowledge and understanding of places.

In other proposed changes designed to reduce the burden on schools, the council said that at 14 it was not necessary to study a prosperous region outside the European community in addition to a study of the Soviet Union, the United States, and Japan. The new proposals underline, however, the importance of economics in geography, recommending that at age 11 children study an economically developing country rather than a tropical country, changing the emphasis "from climatic to economic development".

The council also warned teachers: "Some aspects of geography are potentially controversial and cannot avoid dealing with attitudes and beliefs.

"Pupils need to develop their own attitudes rationally and understand why other people may hold different views."

The original proposals, from a working party chaired by Sir Leslie Fielding, vice-chancellor of Sussex University, did not allow children to enhance their learning and understanding sufficiently as "an increase in factual knowledge does not constitute progression", the council said.

Programmes of study have been amended to allow children to progress from the study of a small area to regions and whole countries, from understanding about their own environment to areas outside their experience, from simple issues to complex issues, and from observing features to explaining them.

Mr Clarke will announce his decision on the proposals in the new year.

☐ POLICE participation in teaching children how to be good citizens is of the greatest importance, the National Curriculum Council said yesterday, although in the past some schools have refused to invite the police to talk to pupils.

In its latest advice to schools, the council said: "The contribution of the police service is of the greatest importance, especially the involvement of the school community liaison officers in lessons and extra curricular activities."

Duncan Graham, the council's chairman and chief executive, said: "Education for citizenship is essential for every pupil. It helps each of them to understand the duties, responsibilities and rights of every citizen and promotes concern for the values by which a civilised society is identified — justice, democracy, and respect for the rule of law."

Four stages of learning mapped out

What pupils will be expected to know will include:

At seven years old: children should be able to talk about a familiar place, identify activities carried out by people in the local area, recognise rocks, soil and water, explain that buildings are used for different purposes and identify and name materials that are obtained from natural resources.

At 11: they should be able to use geographical vocabulary to talk about places, make a plan of a real or imaginary place, name the countries of the United Kingdom, recognise seasonal weather patterns, identify how goods and services in the local community are provided, and describe ways in which people have changed the environment.

At 14: they should be able to interpret relief maps, use maps to plan routes and measure distances, describe the geographical features of a country in the European Community, describe a river basin, analyse the causes and effects of recent large-scale migration and analyse the environmental impact of the development of two energy sources.

At 16: they should be able to select diagrams to present complex geographical information and ideas, evaluate ways in which local and national government have attempted to stimulate and control the development of a region, examine international strategies for improving the quality of life, and critically examine the conflicts that can arise between expectations of continually rising standards of living and the need to conserve and sustain the environment.

DEREK IRONSIDE

Net return: a fisherman mending nets at the harbour in Peterhead, where one person in four is directly employed in the industry

Drastic action needed to save fish stocks

Four years of cuts in European fishing quotas have failed to prevent stocks of cod and haddock from falling to levels that may put them beyond recovery, Michael Hornsby reports

BRITISH fishermen say their livelihood is threatened by proposals to conserve rapidly dwindling stocks of North Sea cod and haddock which David Curry, the fisheries minister, will discuss with his European Community counterparts in Brussels today.

Four successive years of cuts in the catch quotas allocated to EC member states under the common fisheries policy have failed to prevent stocks of the two species from falling to levels that scientists fear might put them beyond recovery unless further action is taken.

Bob Allan, chief executive of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation, which depends on cod, haddock and whiting for 60 per cent of its white fish catch, does not dispute the need for conservation but says the measures proposed by the European Commission are so severe they would decimate the industry.

Smaller catches have been largely offset by higher prices — the price of haddock is 42 per cent up on last year — but fishermen say their profits have been eaten up by rising diesel fuel costs. "We cannot rely on the housewife to go on paying ever higher prices for her fish," Mr Allan says.

Spawning stocks of North Sea cod will be no more than 78,000 tonnes next year, compared with 168,000 tonnes in 1982, according to data collected by the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, in Copenhagen. The spawning stock of haddock has fallen even more steeply, from 285,000 tonnes to an estimated 81,000 tonnes.

Haddock and cod spawn when three and four years old respectively but only once a year. Of the tens of thousands of eggs laid by each fish, only a few survive. Fishing pressure on the stock can be more than offset by a good survival rate, as seems to have happened in the early Eighties. From 1987, however, the supply of new cod and haddock has been exceptionally low, for reasons that are poorly understood.

Early signals suggest that haddock numbers may pick up again in 1992 but the outlook for cod remains poor. The exploration council's advisory committee on fisheries management, which meets every year to assess fish stocks, has recommended a 30 per cent cut next year in fishing for cod, haddock and whiting on top of a similar cut this year.

Manuel Marin, the European fisheries commissioner, believes that catch quotas have not worked and is proposing that the mesh size of fishing nets increased from 90mm to 120mm to allow immature fish to escape. Señor Marin wants the upper half of the net to be constructed of square mesh instead of the standard diamond-shaped variety that tends to close up as the net fills, allowing few fish to get out.

There is general agreement that the 90mm nets catch too many small fish that cannot be sold because they are below the minimum landing size. They are thrown back into the sea, by which time they are usually dead. Up to half of the catch can consist of such discards.

Part of the problem is that the same net is used to catch a variety of fish. A mesh size that catches only mature haddock also scoops up immature cod, which are bigger.

Fishermen protest that Señor Marin's 120mm net would allow so many fish to escape that it would no longer be worth their while to put to sea.

Tom Hay, the vice-chairman of the Scottish White Fish Producers' Association, which is based in Peterhead, where one in four people are directly employed in the fishing industry, says: "If they try to force us to use the 120mm net I am afraid many skippers will break the law."

Sea trials conducted by the Sea Fish Industry Authority in Edinburgh and the Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen indicate that the 120mm net would all but eliminate the wasteful killing of small fish but allow large numbers of mature fish to escape. Only eight haddock of marketable size were caught in the 120mm net against 693 in the 90mm net.

Research by the Sea Fish Industry Authority suggests that the percentage of undersize fish caught in the standard diamond-mesh 90mm nets could be significantly reduced simply by including a square-mesh panel in the upper part of the net.

Señor Marin remains adamant that the 120mm net is necessary if the stocks are to be saved. Mr Curry agrees that "the status quo is unsustainable" but says mesh-size adjustment alone is not the answer and will have to be combined with traditional controls.

The government is reluctant to face a simpler fact: there are too many fishing vessels chasing too few fish. In 1986 Britain, along with other member states, promised to reduce its fishing fleet by 3 per cent by 1991. Instead, the British fleet has been allowed to expand by 20 per cent while the supply of fish has been falling, and now has an estimated overcapacity of 40 per cent. Paying fishermen to scrap or lay up their boats may be unavoidable.

Council and duke in battle over a matter of class

By ROBIN YOUNG

WESTMINSTER city council and the Duke of Westminster commence legal battle at the Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand this morning over their rights to house Westminster's working classes, if, indeed, such people still exist.

The dispute to be heard in the High Court concerns 532 flats designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens on the Page Street estate in Millbank, in the southeast of Westminster. The council was assigned a 999-year lease on the flats by the then Duke of Westminster in 1937 on condition that they be used as "dwellings for the working classes ... and for no other purpose".

Conservative-run Westminster council, whose leader is the controversial Lady Porter, wants that condition set aside so that the flats can be included in its "designated sales" policy, under which council homes can be offered for sale to anyone living or working in the council area.

The present duke, the wealthiest man in Britain, refused to withdraw the clause in the lease after appeals by Westminster's Labour councillors. The trustees of the duke's Grosvenor Estate agreed that the council should be allowed to sell 10 per cent of the flats under the designated sales policy, but insisted that the rest remain available as low-cost rented accommodation.

The council is now seeking to have the condition in the lease set aside, arguing that the term "working classes" has no meaning in contemporary society. A precedent to be cited for the council was set 35 years ago by Lord Denning, later to become Master of the Rolls, who, in a case involving rooms in Chelsea belonging to the Guinness Trust, declared that the phrase "working class" was "inexplicable".

A council spokesman denied Labour accusations that the designated sales policy was being used to change the balance of the electorate in marginal wards, or indeed that purchasers were anything other than "working class".

Aids virus infects 10,000 heterosexuals

At least 10,000 heterosexuals in Britain are infected with HIV, the virus that causes Aids, and most are unaware that they are carriers, the government's chief medical officer said yesterday.

Sir Donald Acheson told a seminar of HIV prevention specialists in London that the carriers were unlikely to show symptoms and could infect others sexually for up to ten years until they developed Aids.

He said the figure was a conservative estimate, and only about 3,000 men and women were believed to have been infected through sexual contact. The rest had acquired it through intravenous drug abuse or treatment for haemophilia.

New evidence

The first day of the resumed inquest into the Hillsborough disaster in Sheffield was told evidence would be heard that was not available to the Taylor enquiry into the 95 deaths.

Inmates escape

A Home Office enquiry was launched yesterday after three inmates cut through the bars of their cell and used scaffolding left by workmen to escape from Oxford jail. Two were later recaptured but Roberto Ayla, on remand, is still at large.

Gunman jailed

Wayne Shaw, aged 30, of Little Hulton, Greater Manchester was jailed for 15 years by Manchester crown court for 12 charges of kidnapping, hijacking or attempting to snatch cars at gunpoint and robbery in September 1989.

Level pegging

The Soviet Union and England each have 6½ points from eight after the second round of the chess olympics in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia.

Work preferred to brave new world of early retirement

By TIM JONES, EMPLOYMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE new technology dream in which computers, robots and visual display units would transform the uneasy prospects of early retirement into a brave new labour-free world of fulfilment through unlimited choice of leisure activities has come to nothing for millions of people in Britain.

Ten years after Clive Jenkins, one time enfant terrible of the labour scene, wrote that the great problem would be to safeguard people from the boredom of leisure time, his prophecy has come true in a way he may not have imagined and thousands of people say they want to work until they are 70 or even older.

The so-called "demographic time bomb" of a falling population, a growing awareness among women of their worth in society, economic realities, and pressure on Parliament led from Europe has ensured growing equality among the sexes in the workplace. According to Jenkins, the pressures of modern survival are now leading us into a post-industrial New Dark Age.

The case in which Barclays Bank has agreed to pay 12 women compensation of £160,000 for not being allowed to work until they are 65 (as their male colleagues could), was unusual in that most firms have now agreed to comply with the 1986 Sex Discrimination Act, which allows women to share the same work burden as men.

The government and British firms have been forced into equality by a European Court decision that there must be no difference in retirement age.

For years trade unions have been pressing for the retirement age to be reduced to 60 with no loss in benefits or pensions. However, to the chagrin of TUC leaders, the government and businesses have decided that equality means that women also have the right to work until 65. The government is very reluctant to reduce the age to 60 as it is estimated that this would cost the country at least £3 billion a year in terms of state pensions.

Sally Greengross: people want to work longer

Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern England, who will tomorrow be given the United Kingdom Woman of Europe award, is convinced that because older people are now healthier and more alert they want to continue with their working lives. "They feel they have real experience and would like the option of working until they are 70. With fewer young people available for the workforce the argument is even stronger."

The TUC said: "Although our policy is for people to retire at 60 the reality is that many are forced to continue working because of the low level of the state and occupational pensions."

Managers, it appears, are not in this category. A survey by KPMG Peat Marwick Management Consultants and the Institute of Personnel Management, however, shows that only 14 per cent of managers wanted to retire between the ages of 61 and 65, compared with nearly 70 per cent who would like to retire between 51 and 60.

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The essential nouveau banana taste

By ROBIN YOUNG

STUDYING this year's newspaper reviews of the 1990 Beaujolais nouveau will have left wine drinkers in serious doubt as to just what they were drinking.

Jane MacQuitty, *The Times* wine correspondent, chose as her winning wine the "stunning" Maurice Chenu Beaujolais Nouveau sold by Safeway at £2.99. It stood out, she wrote, "like a beacon — head and shoulders above the competition". Andrew Barr in *The Sunday Correspondent* placed that wine bottom of the 12 he tasted. "Banana essence", he noted. "I prefer wine."

The wine which Mr Barr thought "in a class of its own", by Joseph Drouhin, Miss MacQuitty thought acceptable, but lacking zest. A panel for *The Independent* was harsher about Mr Barr's choice, leaving it to languish without further comment among the "also tasted".

The Independent's second three-star wine, the Cave de Bully from Waitrose at £3.29, Miss MacQuitty rated "borderline". Miss MacQuitty was disinclined to revise her opinions yesterday. "Tasting panels always come up with widely differing opinions", she said. "Top placings often go to the ordinary or mediocre."

Detective denies blackmail

THE detective accused of masterminding a £3.75 million blackmail scheme by putting poisoned baby food and tins of dog food on supermarket shelves yesterday denied that he was responsible.

After the prosecution case finished at the Old Bailey yesterday in the seventh week of the trial, Rodney Whitchelo, of Hornchurch, Essex, denied being the blackmailer or writing blackmail demands sent to Heinz and Pedigree Pet Foods. He also denied getting anyone else to write them.

Asked by his counsel, Rock Tansey: "Did you contaminate Heinz or Pedigree Pet Food products", he replied: "Absolutely not". He also denied placing any of the contaminated products in supermarkets or getting anyone else to do so.

Mr Whitchelo, aged 43, a former detective sergeant in the regional crime squad, agreed that when he was arrested he had told officers: "I am innocent, I know what this is about but I am innocent." Later, at the police station, he had told a senior officer: "My main source of comfort is that I am innocent."

Mr Whitchelo denies 18 charges including blackmail, making a threat to kill and contaminating food products.

The trial continues today.

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Vicar faces church charge of conduct unbecoming

By Paul Wilkinson

ONE of the Church of England's more arcane rituals begins this morning in a nondescript church hall in Chichester. For the next three weeks a parish priest defends his reputation against a charge more usually associated with the military officers — "conduct unbecoming".

The Rev Tom Tyler, for 12 years vicar of Henfield, West Sussex, is accused of outraging ecclesiastical dignity by conducting a ten-year extra-marital affair with a parishioner. He also faces charges over another parishioner.

His vehement denial of the complaints has led to the rare convening of a consistory court to deal with a charge of conduct unbecoming a clerk in holy orders, which has been prosecuted only once before in the church's history. A verdict against him could mean the loss of his job and home.

Mr Tyler, aged 50, who is married with four children, has been suspended since March while the Bishop of Chichester, the Right Rev Eric Kemp, considered what course of action to take.

The hearing might not last the predicted three weeks but officials from the Chichester diocese are expecting lengthy legal wrangling before the decision is reached. The only other time the charge was brought was in 1969 when a Gloucestershire vicar was accused of being bad tempered to parishoners, refusing individuals communion, cancelling services and failing to carry out baptisms.

In spite of having Sir Geoffrey Howe, the former deputy prime minister, as his barrister, the court found against him. The decision, however, was reversed on appeal to the Court of Arches, and he was able to continue working until his death two years ago.

A consistory court has a status more akin to a court martial dealing with disciplinary measures than criminal hearings, although rules of procedure and evidence mirror them. It is more usually convened to consider problems of administration.

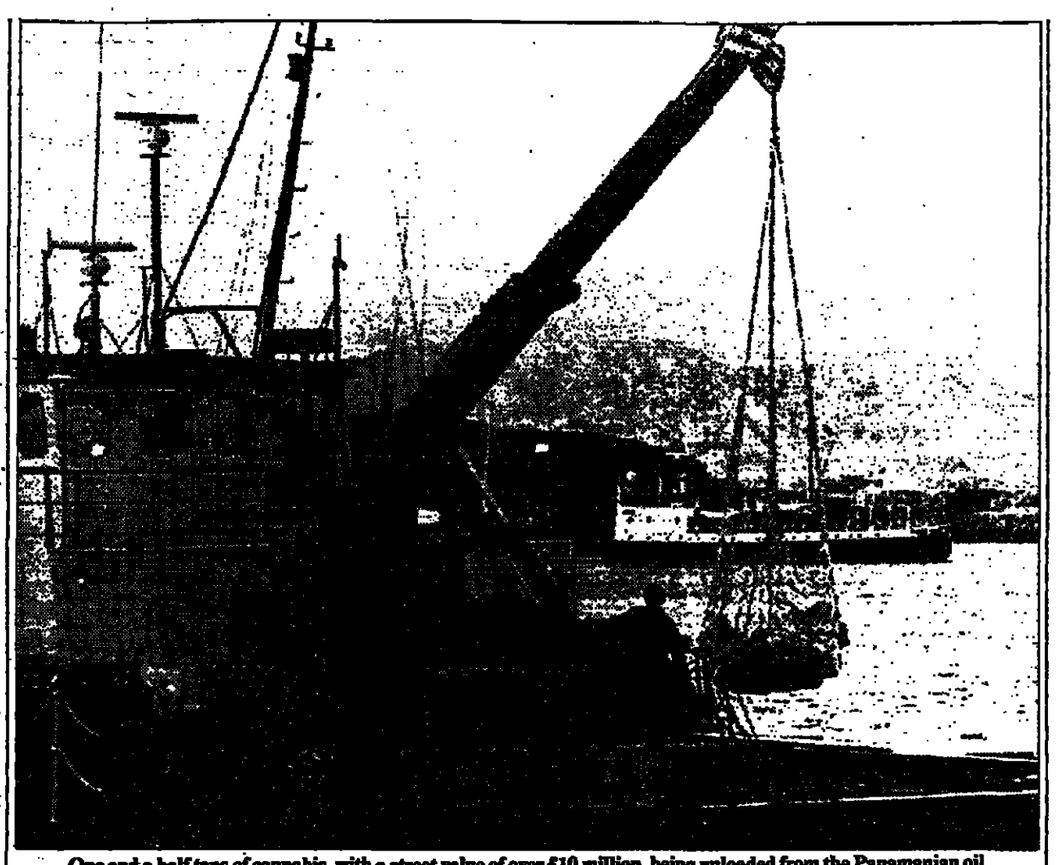
Today's hearing will be chaired by Quentin Edwards, QC, the chancellor of the Chichester diocese, who is himself a judge, assisted by four assessors, two from the diocese laity and two from the clergy. The complaints will be brought by a barrister, acting for the Bishop of Chichester, and Mr Tyler will have his own legal representation.

☐ The Church of England has only a rudimentary disciplinary procedure, something which Dr George Carey, the incoming Archbishop of Canterbury, is reported to be anxious to change (Ruth Gledhill writes).

The clerical profession inherited a complex system of archidiaconal, diocesan and provincial courts which was rationalised in 1963 by the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure.

Proceedings of a consistory court are open to the public and have the same status in English law as any other court. The alleged offence has to have taken place within three years of the beginning of proceedings.

The bishop can deliver a rebuke; a monition, an order to "refrain from doing"; disqualification for a period of time; or a deprivation of living. In the last case, a bishop may then depose the offender from holy orders, which means defrocking.



One and a half tons of cannabis, with a street value of over £10 million, being unloaded from the Panamanian oil rig supply vessel Sea Ranger V at Oban Harbour, Strathclyde, yesterday. Customs men on the warship Glasgow boarded the boat off the Outer Hebrides at the weekend. A number of men have been charged

Terrorist interview ban is unlawful, Lords told

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

THE government's ban on direct-speech television and radio interviews with members of terrorist groups is unnecessary and unjustified, the House of Lords was told yesterday.

Anthony Lester, QC, said that the ban, which has led to some interviews being dubbed with actors' voices, interfered with the rights and duties of broadcasters to inform and the right of the public to be informed without reasonable justification.

A panel of five Law Lords is hearing an appeal by six broadcasting journalists and a press union employee who challenge the legality of the restrictions imposed last year by Douglas Hurd, who was then home secretary. The 13 groups covered by the ban include Sinn Fein and the Ulster Defence Association. The journalists say that the ban is unlawful, perverse and an unjustified interference with their right to freedom of speech.

Mr Lester said the broadcasters would argue that the home secretary could not justify his actions by reference to principles enshrined in English or European laws guaranteeing fundamental rights and freedoms including freedom of speech.

The six journalists are Don Brind, Fred Emery, Alexander Graham, Victoria Leonard, Scarlett McGwire, and John Pilger. The press union employee is Thomas Nash of the National Union of Journalists. The hearing continues today.

Collapsed Marconi prosecution cost over £3m

By Jamie Dettmer

A FRAUD case against one of Britain's biggest defence contractors, which took four years to bring to court, collapsed at a cost of over £3 million.

The Serious Fraud Office dropped its prosecution against three Marconi companies and four former senior executives after a picture of "muddled and confused accounting rather than dishonesty" emerged during the six-week trial at Winchester Crown Court.

William Denny, QC, for Marconi, told the court yesterday that the prosecution had failed because the evidence of its chief witness had been totally destroyed. He said Kingsley Thrower, a former Marconi contracts officer who reported the companies to the Ministry of Defence, had damaged the crown case beyond repair. "As a witness he was totally destroyed. He was embittered and had a deep-seated hatred for his former colleagues," Mr Denny said.

Ann Goddard, QC, for the prosecution, said the decision not to proceed, which she announced on Friday, was taken after a further statement was made by another prosecution witness, Brian Mitchell, a Marconi project controller. "Against the background of muddles, the prosecution did not think it proper to ask the jury to infer fraud or dishonesty," she said.

Miss Goddard accepted that "inadequacies" in Marconi's accountancy system were to blame, not the three companies or the four defendants.

Marconi had been charged with defrauding the MoD of more than £200,000 over three large electronics contracts for scrambling devices for Royal Navy warships. Three Marconi firms and four former executives were charged with 19 offences, including theft and deception.

The four men cleared and discharged were Major General John Sturge, former general manager, of Odiham, Hampshire, William Didcote, former contracts manager, of Bridgwater, Somerset, Richard Ellingham, former commercial director, of Sible Hedingham, Essex, and Roger Pepperell, former chief accountant, of Fair Oak, Hampshire.

Abducted boy's priorities give cause for hope

Questions about his Turtle stickers by Simon Jones, the boy found eight weeks after being abducted, bode well for a good recovery, according to doctors, **Michael Horsnell** writes

AS SIMON Jones helped detectives to piece together his missing eight weeks yesterday, a leading psychologist was optimistic about the recovery the four-year-old boy will make after his abduction.

A man arrested after the discovery of Simon safe and well was still being questioned by police last night.

Dr Richard Lansdown, chief psychologist at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, said that the boy's concern about the whereabouts of his collection of Teenage Mutant Hero Turtle stickers and what presents he would be getting for his fifth birthday next month were healthy indications of his desire to return to normal life.

Simon, who went missing on September 23 from Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead, after being offered an ice-cream and who was found only on Sunday, was taken with his mother, Sally Jones, to be interviewed by specially trained women police officers after playing happily with his two elder brothers and driving around in a toy police car earlier in the morning.

Simon's grandmother Jean Stevens said that he appeared to have been well looked after and when found was wearing a clean set of clothes different from those he had on when he disappeared. "As far as he was concerned, he was being looked after and the person who had him was a nice person," she said.

Simon's progress is expected to be monitored by psychologists who said that he might display behavioural regression such as tantrums, bed-wetting and feeding difficulties. Playing through his experience with his brothers would help him to alleviate stress.

Dr Lansdown said: "What is most important is how Simon perceived his experience. If his captor said he was looking after him because his mother was ill and that he would be returned when she was better, that would have helped him make some sense of it and relieved the stress. If that did not occur, it would have been bewildering and damaging for him. His behaviour is likely to be very clingy and he might show a fear of men of the same age, size and appearance as his captor.

Mrs Jones, aged 32, said: "It's a fantastic day. I can't put into words what I am feeling, but holding Simon in my arms is a moment I never thought I would have again. In my heart I think I had given up hope after all this time, that I would see him alive. I am overwhelmed with joy."

As Simon enjoyed his first full day of freedom, David Cansdale, assistant chief constable of Hertfordshire, said that he was "amazed" that no one had seen the boy during his captivity.

Police found Simon alone in a bedroom at a private hostel for the homeless in George Street, Hemel Hempstead, Hertforshire, after a 999 call from the manager and are increasingly confident that he spent his entire captivity there.

Mr Cansdale, who has disclosed that officers visited the hostel only ten days after the abduction, said: "The amazing thing is that if he was there all that time neither the manager nor the ten or 11 residents were aware of anything."

Simon Jones: concerned about his Turtle stickers

Police are disappointed that it took eight weeks to find Simon, but maintain that the methodical procedure of house-to-house enquiries paid off — as it did in case of Gemma Lawrence, found near the caravan site at Bridport, Dorset, from which she had been taken disappeared after a police officer became suspicious during a call at a house.

In the Simon Jones case, a routine visit to the hostel, the production of a photograph of the boy and a request to look out for anything suspicious eventually led to the manager raising the alarm more than six weeks later. Police say that such calls keep publicity up.

The enquiry at the hostel was one of 2,241 made by police seeking Simon.

Irish four expelled from Britain

Four Irish people were expelled from Britain yesterday after being held for eight days under the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

David Waddington, the home secretary, signed the exclusion orders after the four had been held for the maximum seven days without charge. He also authorised their detention pending their expulsion. No criminal charges have been brought against the four, who have not been named. They were arrested on November 11 during a raid on two flats in Kilburn, northwest London.

Three other people were also detained and yesterday they were remanded in custody until Thursday, charged with conspiracy to cause explosions. William Patrick McKane, aged 23, his wife Siobhan, aged 26, of Sidmouth Court, Kilburn, appeared with Martin Docherty, aged 32, of Dublin, at Thames magistrates' court, east London.

Cathedral vote

The 40 non-residentiary canons belonging to the greater chapter of Lincoln Cathedral have passed a vote of no confidence in the ability of the cathedral dean and chapter to reconcile their differences over the £56,000 cost to the cathedral of displaying the Magna Carta in Brisbane, Australia, in 1988. The greater chapter said the affair had caused "trauma to the people of the diocese and beyond".

BSB man leaves

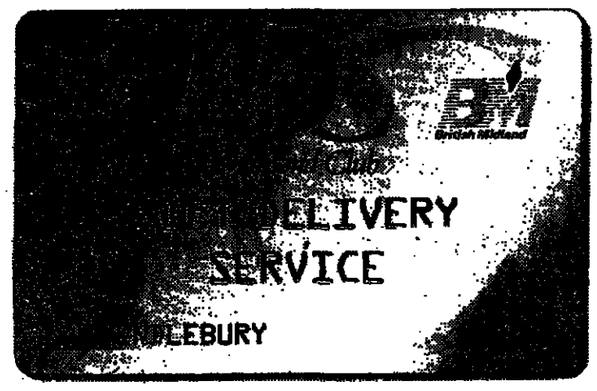
Hugh Williams, executive director of British Satellite Broadcasting's NOW channel, has left the merged British Sky Broadcasting. "Since it has been decided that NOW and Sky News are to merge there is no role for me in the new company," he said in a statement. A BSkyB spokeswoman said that Sky News would take some of the NOW programmes but denied any plans for a merger.

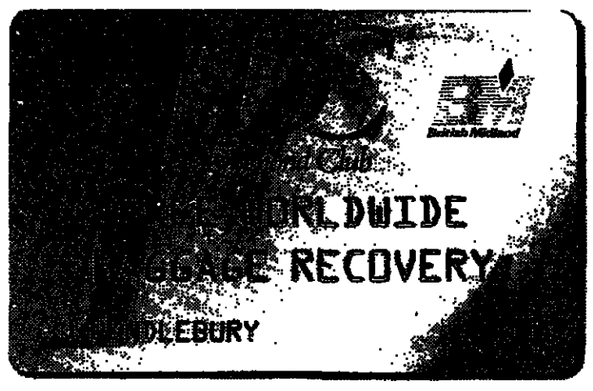
Dentist barred

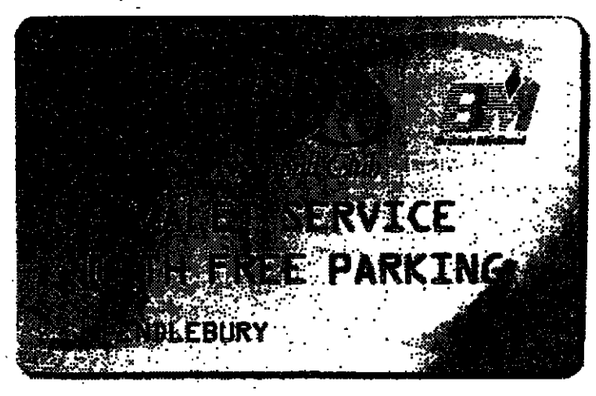
Patrick Smith, aged 62, a Londonderry dentist, was struck off the register after he was found guilty of serious professional misconduct yesterday for allowing his receptionist, Miss Phillipa Porter, to work on patients. The professional conduct committee of the General Dental Council heard that she cleaned a stump and recemented a crown while he was treating another patient or watching television.

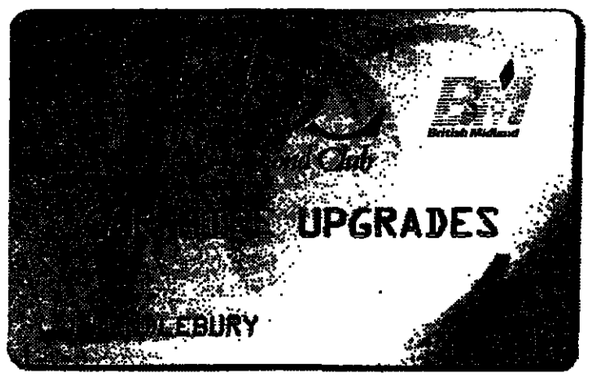
Racing editor

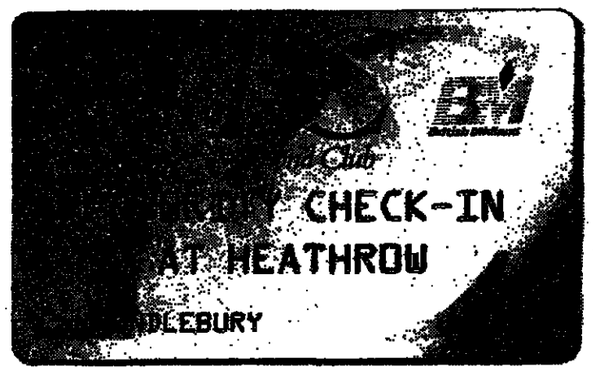
Charles Wilson, former editor of *The Times*, is to join *The Sporting Life*, Robert Maxwell's racing daily newspaper, as managing director and editor-in-chief. He said: "For the last 40 years my two great passions in life have been racing and newspapers. Offered a chance to put these two passions together and be paid for the privilege was too difficult to resist."

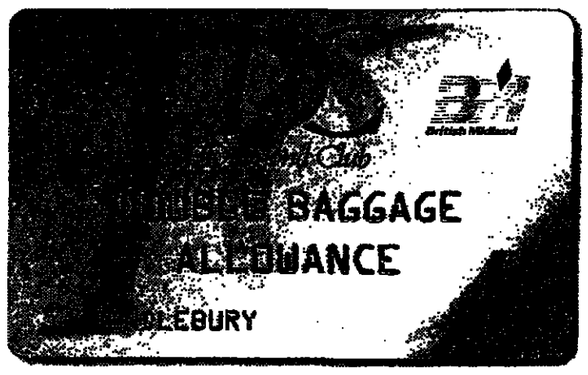












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Anti-terror bill condemned as repressive

A BILL giving new anti-terrorist powers to the security forces in Northern Ireland was attacked in the Commons yesterday as "repression by reflex action".

Kevin McNamara, the shadow spokesman for the province, said that the legislation added to the plethora of restrictions inhibiting freedom in the province. Labour, as a result of its commitment to the rule of law, was bound to oppose parts of the legislation.

He was speaking after the Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) bill was commended by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, as a a fair and proportionate response to the terrorist threat.

Moving the second reading, Mr Brooke said that the bill brought together all the anti-terrorism provisions applying to Northern Ireland and provided the police and the armed forces with powers of arrest and seizure.

It created a new offence of bypassing closed border crossing points and a new power to allow the police and armed forces to examine documents and other recorded data.

Its provisions were, generally speaking, in line with recommendations made by Viscount Colville of Culross who had conducted a review of the working of anti-terrorist legislation in Northern Ireland.

The government had, however, not accepted a recommendation to drop provisions relating to internment. Mr Brooke said: "I make no apology for this. The government is determined to keep available a comprehensive range of responses to terrorist violence in the province.

"Although the precise circumstances in which detention would be reintroduced are not presently identifiable, and while there are no current plans to do so, the government continues to believe that the outright repeal of the provisions would be mistaken."

He argued that internment, when required, needed to be implemented quickly.

Merlyn Rees, the former Labour home secretary, called for a better justification. Threatening to vote against the bill, Mr Rees said that internment, not used since 1975, had sullied the law and had an effect abroad.

The bill contained a new offence of possessing items intended for terrorist purposes, in line with a recommendation by Lord Colville, who had noted the use by terrorists of everyday articles, such as adhesive tape, plastic drums, bell-pushes, coffee grinders, kitchen scales and nylon fishing line, as components in bombs.

It also gave the security forces a new power to examine documents. Mr Brooke described as a "damaging omission" a recommendation by Lord Colville to wait and see on that score.

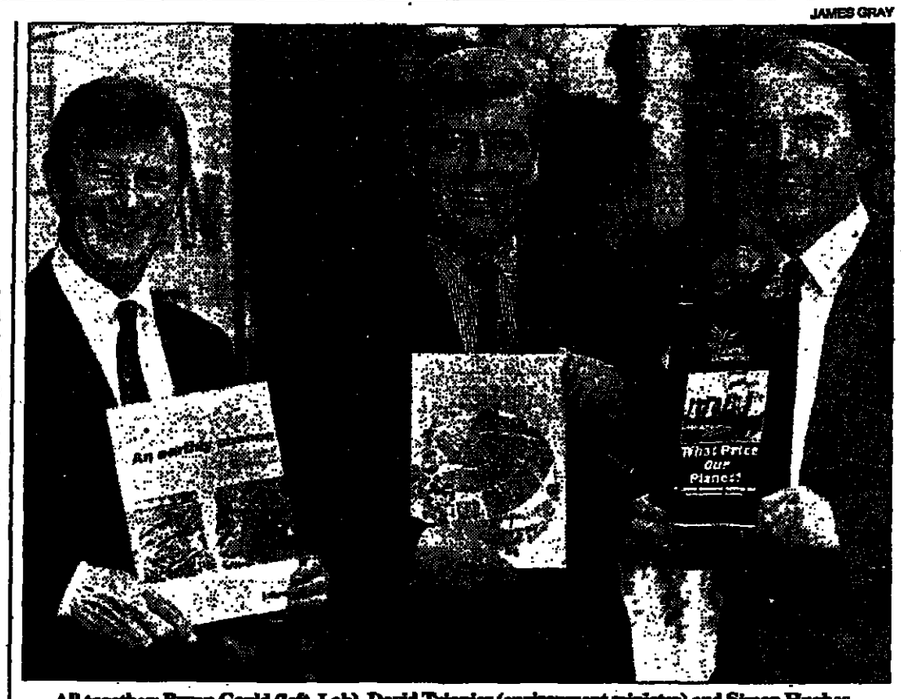
He said: "As the law now stands, the advantage lies very much in the terrorists' favour and the government has decided that action was necessary to make the terrorists' life more difficult".

He rejected a further recommendation by Lord Colville that police interviews with people suspected of terrorist offences should be recorded, without sound, on video and that tape-recordings should be allowed for consideration at trials.

Mr Brooke said: "We acknowledge that there remains concern about police interview procedures with terrorist suspects". Nevertheless, video recordings could "jeopardise the usefulness of the interview process" and, so far as audio-taping was concerned, the time was not right to conduct trials in connection with terrorist suspects.

Mr McNamara said that the law should be certain and not leave too much to the discretion of the police. It was a package of rights, not a menu of options, and it was not for the government to pick up only the bits that were palatable, and to dispense with the rest.

JAMES GRAY



All together: Bryan Gould (left, Lab), David Trippier (environment minister) and Simon Hughes (Lib Dem) at a conference yesterday on the environment white paper's business implications

Environment measure wins Lords support

THE government took a further step yesterday in its policy of protecting the environment when the Natural Heritage (Scotland) bill was given an unopposed second reading in the Lords.

The bill, peers were told, is intended to bring about a more integrated approach to protecting the natural heritage.

Lord Strathclyde, an agriculture minister, moving the second reading, said that it had one overriding purpose, to ensure that the natural environment, particularly resources of land and water, were managed in a sustainable way to secure the inheritance of succeeding generations.

The merger would bring about a more efficient and more effective organisational structure to achieve an integrated approach to the natural heritage.

He announced proposed government changes to the Bill to enable natural heritage areas to be established and to give the red deer commission powers to cull deer for nature and landscape conservation reasons.

The Bill would also improve water management in times of drought.

Poll tax 'not connected with vote'

THE prime minister has made clear that failure to register for the community charge does not deprive a citizen of the vote.

In a Commons written reply, Margaret Thatcher said that the community charge register and the electoral register were separate entities and compiled with reference to different criteria and for different purposes.

Europe links

The Commons authorities are seeking to improve the telephone and postal links between Westminster and EC institutions, John MacGregor, leader of the House, said at question time.

Clark's pps

Alan Clark, defence procurement minister, has appointed David Martin (Portsmouth South) as his parliamentary private secretary.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Health; prime minister (John MacGregor to reply). Criminal Justice Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): New Roads and Street Works bill, second reading.

Northern Tories face 'cap' peril

By PETER DAVENPORT

FROM Eston hill in Cleveland a panorama of smoking chimneys, cooling stacks and heavy industry stretches as far as the eye can see.

The northern part of the borough of Langbaurgh takes in huge British Steel works and ICI chemical plants in a six-mile ribbon development of almost unrelieved urban sprawl that runs from Grangetown to Redcar on the coast.

It is one of the most heavily industrialised areas of the country and includes the largest blast furnace in Europe and one of its biggest chemical complexes.

Yet under the complicated formulas used by government to calculate the spending limits of local councils, the area, on the southern banks of the river Tees, is treated as if it were open countryside.

The effect on Langbaurgh's local authority finances means that it is the first Conservative authority to face the prospect of charge capping.

Ron Robertson, the council treasurer, said yesterday: "We have been complaining about the classification of the area as open land for four or five years and we were told that the introduction of the poll tax would sort the matter out. Experience has proved to be to the contrary."

Tomorrow, a delegation from the council, which is run by a minority Conservative administration, and the local Conservative MP, Richard Holt, will try to persuade Robert Key, the junior environment minister, to change the classification of the land to help to improve their critical financial position.

Failure to win their case will leave the authority with the prospect of introducing swingeing cuts that could include the loss of hundreds of council jobs, the closure of leisure and recreation centres and the end of a £1.5 million concessionary travel programme used by 20,000 elderly people.

Langbaurgh was created under local government reorganisation in 1973 and, at 145,000, has the second largest population of the four boroughs in the county of Cleveland. The borough, a mix of heavily industrialised towns and wide expanses of countryside, is one of only four authorities in the country to receive government grants for inner city aid and rural development.

Keith Abigail, the council's chief executive, says that the problems have arisen because the formula used to calculate the urban density of the area took no account of the its special problems. In particular, it failed to account for the dominating presence of British Steel and ICI in three wards.

As a result, Langbaurgh's spending limit of £106 a head was £57 less than that of neighbouring Middlesbrough which has a similar industrial make-up.

The council budget this year is £17.9 million. If the authority merely continued with existing programmes, spending in the next financial year, allowing for inflation, would rise to £19.5 million.

Chris Patten, the environment secretary, has set a limit on the council spending next year of £11.7 million, but capping can be applied only to authorities with budgets of more than £15 million.

Meeting even that figure would involve the council in cuts of almost £3 million on current spending, a sixth of its total expenditure.

At present, the council's poll tax is set at £420. Officials said yesterday that, unless action is taken, the charge could rise to as much as £485 next year because of the loss of safety net payments to the authority and likely spending increases by the county council.

To rub salt in the wounds, the change in the old non-domestic rating system meant that the borough and county councils lost about £10 million a year from rates formerly paid directly to them by British Steel and ICI. That money now goes to central government.

Tomorrow the council will offer suggestions to the government on ways to relieve its financial gloom. It will ask for the standard spending assessment to be reviewed with the present "open land" classification altered or, failing that, it will offer to introduce a standstill budget for next year which will mean, in effect, a cut of a tenth in real terms in spending. The delegation hopes that that would persuade Mr Patten to exempt the council from capping.

Labour demands aid for children

ACTION to stop thousands of youngsters working illegally to support the family budgets was demanded by Labour's children's spokesman, Joan Lestor, yesterday. She was launching a charter to protect the under-18s and give them more rights.

Miss Lestor said that there was widespread evidence that too many children were playing truant to work in shops and backstreet factories and as unpaid carers. She would be asking in the Commons why the government had not ratified the United Nations convention on the rights of the child. "The UN stressed a child's right to protection from all forms of exploitation, cruelty and abuse", she said. "But thousands of British children work illegally to prop up the family budget.

"Hundreds of children are on 'at risk' registers without a social worker to protect them because of lack of proper resources and an increasing number go missing from home or from residential care to roam the streets begging for food and shelter."

Miss Lestor pledged that a Labour government would implement the charter and stop the exploitation of children.

Nearly 200 children were lobbying MPs at the Commons yesterday, urging that the charter should be implemented.

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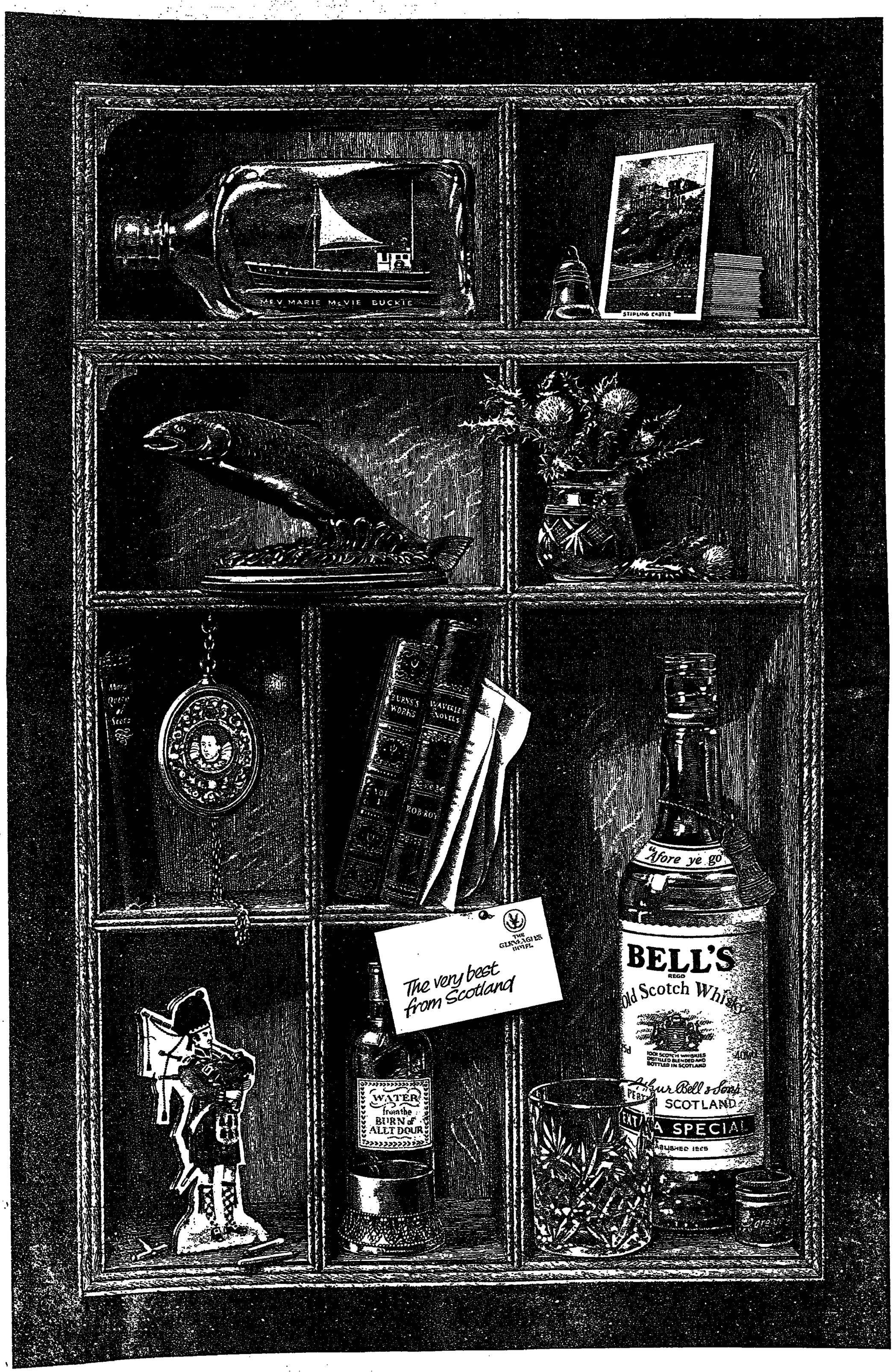


Bush pledges fail to please cash-starved Eastern Europe

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

PRESIDENT Bush's first visit to Eastern Europe since the collapse of communist rule disappointed not only the Czechoslovaks but all the new *democratic governments* which had looked to America as a counterweight to Germany in the post-communist East.

His promise to Prague at the weekend — to support the congressional plan to allocate it $60 million (£30.6 million) and a slice of the various multilateral aid programmes — was not enough, particularly compared to fast-moving German credit lines.

Yesterday in Paris Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the Polish prime minister, was preparing to meet President Bush. Polish officials say the president is ready to write off some Polish debt — Warsaw owes America about $3.2 billion — and even *act unilaterally in doing so.* That is a welcome boost for Mr Mazowiecki in his bid for the Polish presidency. But, again, it is not enough. Eastern expectations of American assistance are, perhaps naively, high. Policy-makers assumed that the Americans would want to take the capitalist lead in the region. Instead, the Gulf confrontation and American budget problems have reduced Washington's room for manoeuvre.

American policy is going through a clumsy shift from the old policy — such as the Cocom restrictions on high-technology exports — to a pattern of economic aid aimed at strengthening the new democracies. But the financial *limitations and debates on* whether aid should be unilateral or multilateral have dulled this vision.

America still has important policy objectives in Eastern Europe. It was plain from President Bush's visit to Prague that America was as concerned as President Havel to deal with one federal state of Czechs and Slovaks. It was the United States, too, that pressed within Group 24 — set up by the West to channel aid to Eastern Europe — to exclude Romania from the assistance programmes because of human rights abuses.

But on the most fundamental economic issues America is giving way consistently to Germany. The European Commission co-ordinates Group 24 assistance, which in practice gives Germany a big say in its distribution. During the Paris Club negotiations on whether to ease Poland's debt burden, a Deutsche Bank director embarrassed America by writing (in the quarterly *International Economy*) that Washington and not Germany was holding up progress.

At the beginning of this month the State Department issued a fierce denial, saying that the Germans should not have leaked Paris Club proceedings and emphasising that America was not thinking of vetoing a decision to reduce Polish debt. At the same time US Treasury officials told Poles, privately, that there was no chance of Warsaw securing its aim of 80 per cent debt forgiveness.

Congress has empowered the president to negotiate a reduction of the Polish debt but has emphasised it should be done within the framework of a multilateral agreement. Congressmen were worried that he might make a unilateral gesture, cancelling some American debt and thus freeing resources to be paid to other Western creditors. Other representatives, notably a group of 12 led by a Democrat, Stephen Solarz, think the president should go ahead anyway and set an example for other creditor nations.

Caught between the need for fiscal caution and the urge to make a grand gesture to assert American influence in the East, the Bush administration seems to be settling for rhetoric and a policy of small economic steps.

Congress has passed a foreign assistance law providing $439 million to all the post-communist states apart from Romania. In addition, there is a programme of $369 million in direct aid for central and *Eastern Europe. By contrast,* Germany has promised DM$3 billion (£1 billion) credit to Poland alone.

American businessmen complain that they are being outmanoeuvred by German companies in Eastern Europe. Moreover there seems to be evidence that German companies are negotiating with the East for the delivery of goods that are still bound by the Cocom ban on strategically sensitive exports. Since the unification of Germany this ban has been virtually unenforceable, but American companies are still having to act according to its provisions.

Yeltsin signs pact with the Ukraine

From ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

BORIS Yeltsin, president of the Russian federation and the Leonid Kravchuk, president of the Ukraine, yesterday signed an "historic" treaty providing the framework for economic, political, defence and cultural links between the Soviet Union's two key republics.

The Russian president presented the treaty to the Ukrainian people as the first-ever agreement between the two republics which treats the Ukraine as an equal.

Mr Yeltsin used the signing of the treaty to make yet another attack on President Gorbachev and the Soviet government. He also called for the KGB to be reorganised into an organisation promoting human rights.

The Russian president said after the pact was signed: "We have united the efforts of two republics which have a total of 200 million people and the powerful resources that are the equal of any two states in the world."

Mr Yeltsin claimed that Mr Gorbachev was finished. "Under the influence of the bureaucratic forces, he has taken up more radical measures which were first proposed two or three years ago. If we had taken those measures then we would not be in the position we are now."

His strident tone was supported to some degree by Mr Kravchuk, up to now an old guard communist. He said: "We cannot agree with agreements and loans which are concluded with other countries as Soviet-wide loans, as we will have to pay for them. We want to know for what purposes they are for."

Mr Yeltsin added: "Gorbachev is now running around in Italy and France. We have a Russian republic representative with him so we *know what he is talking about* and what he is signing."

The primary importance of the treaty may well be in scuppering any chance of success that Mr Gorbachev's central government has of a new union treaty being signed.

● MOSCOW: The Soviet parliament was yesterday presented with a bill that would make the rouble the only legal tender throughout the Soviet Union (Mary Dejevsky writes). The bill is designed both to curb the aspirations of the Soviet Union's 15 republics for their own currencies and to discourage the growing trend towards using the dollar.

Personal touch

New York — *Time* magazine is putting a personal touch to this week's issue focusing on junk mail — each of four million American subscribers will see their name on the cover. *(Reuter)*

Rock star hurt

Los Angeles — The rock star David Crosby, aged 49, of the group Crosby, Stills and Nash, was seriously hurt when he fell from his motorcycle while taking a bend here, police said. *(Reuter)*

Staying cool: Peter Dewsbury of the Desert Rats savouring an ice cream during an assault training exercise in the Gulf with US and Saudi troops

Gorbachev urged to back force

From MICHAEL BINYON AND MICHAEL EVANS IN PARIS

PRESIDENT Bush appealed last night to President Gorbachev to support Washington's campaign for a new United Nations resolution authorising the use of force in the Gulf.

The military option against Iraq was one of the main topics of their conversation at a dinner at the American ambassador's residence. Both men had earlier denounced Iraqi aggression in their speeches to 32 other leaders at the Paris security summit.

But Mr Bush was careful not to use language as explicit as Mrs Thatcher, who repeatedly called yesterday for the use of force unless President Saddam Hussein withdrew *immediately.*

Mrs Thatcher spoke of the urgency of liberating Kuwait at a meeting with Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general. However, in a new initiative yesterday to satisfy restive EC partners, especially Germany, Britain was suggesting that Señor Pérez de Cuéllar exhausts every diplomatic option before a resolution on force be considered by the security council.

"What we have got now is not peace," she told a joint press conference with Mr Bush after the two had discussed the Gulf at breakfast.

"There is no peace in Kuwait, there is evil, there is daily brutality, there is cruelty. They are shooting people because they have attempted to hide and protect foreigners in Kuwait. That is not peace. It is the worst brutality and evil. Unless he leaves, he will have to be made to leave by force." She said President Saddam played with human beings like pawns. "Unless you stop this man, there will be no peace in the world, let alone in the Middle East."

Mr Bush, asked to endorse her view, would only say: "We are not ruling out any options at all." He denied that other allied leaders were trying to restrain him and the president. But both he and Mrs Thatcher appeared irritated with the calls by Helmut Kohl for a delay before any decision to use force.

He said after a two-hour meeting with the German chancellor: "I agree with Chancellor Kohl that it would be nice to have a peaceful resolution to this question. That is what we have been trying to do."

He denounced the "cynicism" of Iraq starting to release hostages on Christmas day. He expressed scepticism over Mr Gorbachev's suggestion of a new diplomatic intiative. He had seen nothing suggesting compliance with the United Nations resolutions.

Earlier, the Soviet leader gave a clear warning that sanctions must be given more time. In his speech to the summit, President Gorbachev said the Soviet Union was "prepared to show patience in the quest for a political solution". But it remained "firm and determined" in implementing the United Nations resolutions.

Defiant Shamir risks US anger

From RICHARD OWEN IN JERUSALEM

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, has risked anger from the United States and a revival of the issue of linkage between Kuwait and the Palestinian question by publicly reasserting the need for Israel to maintain its hold on the occupied territories, diplomats said yesterday.

Observers said it was unfortunate that Mr Shamir should have raised the question of "Greater Israel" again at a time when Washington was asking Israel to keep a low profile because of the Gulf confrontation. The opposition Labour party said that by implying that Israel needed the occupied West Bank to accommodate large numbers of immigrants from the Soviet Union, Mr Shamir was jeopardising immigration.

In an address at a memorial ceremony for deceased leaders of Likud, his right-wing party, Mr Shamir asserted the Likud aim of a state of Israel between the Mediterranean Sea and the Jordan river. A commitment to the "territorial integrity of the land of Israel" had significance for future generations and for mass immigration *(aliyah), Mr Shamir said.* In Likud terminology, "the land of Israel" usually refers not only to pre-1967 Israel but also to the West Bank and its ancient Biblical towns such as Hebron and Nablus.

Mr Shamir caused a similar storm in January, when he said that a Greater Israel would be needed to absorb massive Soviet immigration. Yesterday, however, Mr Shamir insisted he had not meant to link the question of territorial integrity, which was above all a security matter, with mass immigration, which was "the fulfilment of the great Zionist dream".

The American attempt to convene Israeli-Palestinian peace talks has been shelved since the Shamir government was formed in June. But since the beginning of the Gulf confrontation, Western leaders have indicated that although direct linkage between Kuwait and the question of Palestine is inadmissible, an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait must be followed by renewed efforts to settle the Palestinian issue and so achieve stability throughout the Middle East.

The Egyptian foreign ministry yesterday summoned Ephraim Dowek, Israel's new ambassador to Cairo, to explain Mr Shamir's "expansionist remarks". Egypt also called on the United Nations Security Council to "take measures to protect Palestinians and implement resolutions by the United Nations". The prevailing Arab fear is that Israel will settle thou*sands of Soviet Jews in the* occupied territories.

● TEL AVIV — The Israel Press Council yesterday protested at the arrest without trial of two leading Palestinian journalists, saying their six-month detention posed a threat to freedom of the press. The two were jailed last week for alleged membership of the banned Palestine Liberation Organisation. *(Reuter)*

Secret service gear up for visit

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN DHAHRAN

A SECRET, high-technology security plan will be put into operation here on Thursday when George Bush becomes the first American president for two decades to visit his troops preparing for battle in what amounts to a war zone.

Western sources said British officials would be observing the security procedures closely because if Mrs Thatcher retains the leadership of the Conservative party she is expected to make a similar trip to the 7th Armoured Brigade before Christmas.

American secret servicemen have described as a nightmare the task of reconciling the president's wish to get his November 22 Thanksgiving message across to the widest possible audience, *with measures* to avoid a terrorist or Iraqi attack.

Specific details about the president's itinerary, apart from the giant King Abdul Aziz Air Base at Dhahran which resembles a set for a Vietnam war film, have been restricted to organisers and those units with whom he will share Thanksgiving turkey.

The highlight will be a visit to marines believed to be camped between 60 and 100 miles from the Kuwaiti border. Mr Bush's address will be relayed live by satellite to a tent erected for the huge press corps in the grounds of the Dhahran International Hotel.

There is suspicion that *disinformation* has been spread about the locations for the visit. Decoy helicopters will be used to divert attention from the president's own machine, Marine One, which American sources say is expected to fly in "evasive, sand-hugging patterns".

The small army of secret servicemen accompanying Mr Bush will be armed with shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles as well as conventional firearms. A watch will be kept for any untoward movements by Iraqi aircraft.

A Western military expert said: "The main fear is not that Iraqi conventional forces will try anything, but rather that somebody could try to pull off a terrorist spectacular." The main concern remains the pillaging of Kuwaiti passports by the invading Iraqis, who have used them to try to infiltrate agents into a number of Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

● SYDNEY: Gough Whitlam, former prime minister of Australia, is preparing to visit Baghdad in response to a request by Australian hostages that he negotiate their release (Robert Cockburn writes).

Mr Whitlam, a popular public figure 15 years after his Labor government was removed from office, was immediately criticised by Bob Hawke, the prime minister.

British women fly back home

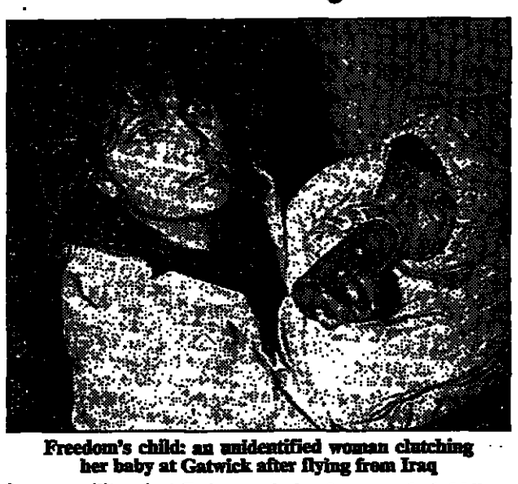
By MICHAEL KNIPE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TWO British women and seven children who arrived at Gatwick airport yesterday from Kuwait, via Baghdad, are believed to have been virtually the last Britons in Kuwait who still had the option of leaving.

Foreign Office officials said there might be a handful of other women eligible to leave who were married to Gulf nationals and had elected to stay. If it was learnt that there were others wishing to go, who were able to obtain exit per*mits, they would be helped to* do so.

There were also two British men on yesterday's flight, one of whom is thought to have been granted an exit visa because he was a United Nations employee. It was not clear how the other man, Douglas Moore, a football coach in Kuwait, had obtained his visa.

Mr Moore spoke on his arrival of the fear, hunger and despair of the foreigners still in hiding and urged a quick military end to the Iraqi occupation. "The feeling of those in hiding is that the military should come and do something for God's sake. They cannot hang on." Mr Moore said he changed addresses five times to avoid the Iraqis. "We knew if we were found we would have been put in some military installations, where conditions are apparently pretty bad. The situation is bad for all Americans and Brits in Kuwait. They cannot go out into the streets for fear of being picked up by the Iraqis. How can they eat? How can they feed themselves?"



Freedom's child: an unidentified woman clutching her baby at Gatwick after flying from Iraq

The Britons were among 129 passengers on the flight, including 75 Americans and people from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, New Zealand, Poland and South Africa. An American woman, who did not give her name, said she and her husband came near to starvation during three months in hiding. "We had no food and no one wanted to give us any because they were so scared of being found out," she said. "I would plead with people not to forget those who are still hiding."

There are an estimated 600 Britons left in Kuwait. All but a handful are men, about 60 of whom are in detention. About 800 Britons are held hostage in Iraq, 300 in detention. About 900 Britons have left since September, when Iraq said that foreign women and children could go.

Yesterday's flight was the tenth time the Americans had chartered Iraqi Airways planes to carry hostages from Iraq. The American embassy in Baghdad said there were fewer than expected on the flight, apparently because many of those who had said they intended leaving had failed to turn up for an earlier flight from Kuwait to Baghdad.

Most of those who left Baghdad had been told to assemble at Kuwait airport early on Sunday. They appeared tired and confused and many were fearful for the husbands they had left behind. "I don't want to speak. I don't *want retaliation or anything* to happen to my husband," said one American.

Some women spoke bitterly of their experiences in Kuwait. One mother of three, who identified herself only as Julie, said: "My children were frightened of the danger, the uncertainty. They kept saying to me, 'You're not going to die, are you mummy?'"

Some women spoke of Kuwait as a devastated city and said fighting was still going on there. "You hear it — sometimes machine-guns, sometimes small-arms fire, it depends what area you are in.... It happens regularly," said a British woman.

Italians turn backs on fur

From PAUL BOMPARD IN ROME

THE last European bastion of the fur coat is tottering, and the once-familiar sight of elegant women stepping languidly down the Spanish steps in mink and sable could soon become a thing of the past. Fur sales in Italy are dropping, and environmentalists and furriers are waging an all-out war using posters and newspaper advertisements.

From many Roman walls a baby mink stares pitifully at passers-by. "Somebody else is wearing my mother's coat," it complains. The furriers are hitting back with full-page newspaper advertisements saying: "Killing animals is a crime? For some people only [illegible] pictures of pigs, oysters, lobsters, turkeys, silkworms, chickens, geese, cows and snakes.

Until now Italy was the only major European country in which stylish and status-conscience women could stride proudly down the street displaying minks, sables, chinchillas and, in hard times, even foxes. No snarls, insults, rotten eggs or sharp jabs to the body. The worst they could expect were stares of envy from their poorer sisters.

In Italy lavish furs are not only seen in Rome's Via Condotti or Milan's Via Montenatoleone, but all over the country and among virtually all social classes. In spite of the gentle climate, Italian women have an unbounded passion for furs, and the first hint of autumn will bring them out in their elegant thousands.

Surprisingly, fur sales are growing in the warm and statistically poor south while they are dropping in the cold and rich north: an indication perhaps of the more traditional vision the southern woman has of herself, but also a sign that the more evolved north is turning away from furs. Which is bad news for the fur trade.

It seems likely that Italy will gradually follow the prevailing trend in the rest of Europe away from fur coats.

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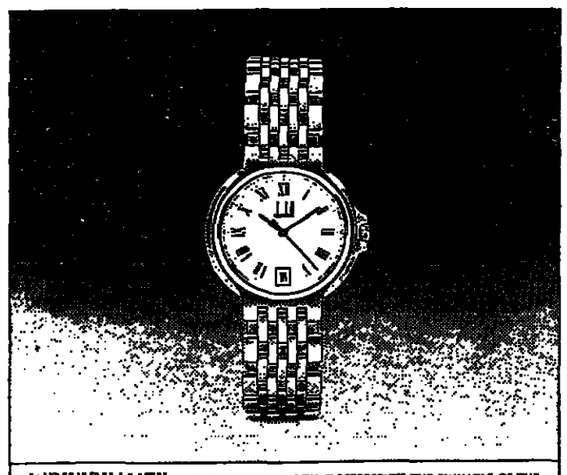

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FBI confirms French security agents targeted hi-tech firms

America is becoming increasingly worried about economic espionage and may decide to retaliate in kind, Martin Fletcher reports

A SENIOR FBI official has corroborated reports that the French security service recently attempted industrial espionage against two leading American computer and electronics companies.

The reports, which first surfaced in the French press last spring, alleged that between 1987 and 1989 the Direction Générale de la Sécurité Extérieure tried to recruit employees in the European offices of IBM and Texas Instruments in order to channel information to Compagnie des Machines Bull, a partly state-owned French computer company. The CIA and the FBI learned of the operation, and the State Department reportedly sent a confidential protest to the French government, though neither administration publicly acknowledged the affair.

Asked about the allegations against the French security service, Douglas Gow, an assistant director in charge of the FBI's foreign counter-intelligence operations, said during a weekend television interview only that "there was activity on their part" and "there was action taken with regard to that".

Anonymous intelligence officials quoted by *The New York Times* said that apart from the old Warsaw Pact nations, France had long been one of the most active practitioners of economic espionage against American companies. "The French are the ones who show up on the screen the most," said one.

Mr Gow said that since Eastern Europe had broken with the Soviet Union, Moscow was turning to allies such as Vietnam to gather American technological information. The FBI had evidence of Vietnamese Americans being used as Soviet "surrogates".

The affair has blown up at a time when Washington is increasingly concerned about economic espionage against American companies, and is debating whether it should retaliate in kind. The senate intelligence committee recently ordered William Webster, the CIA director, to produce by March a comprehensive study of the threat from foreign intelligence services to determine whether new counter-intelligence initiatives are required.

"As the arms race is winding down, the spy race is heating up," said David Boren, the committee chairman, in a speech earlier this year. "An increasing share of the espionage directed against the US comes from spying by foreign governments against private American companies aimed at stealing commercial secrets to gain a national economic advantage." A concurrent issue is the growing role of the American intelligence community in gathering and disseminating economic intelligence from abroad, with opinions sharply divided on whether America should be spying on behalf of its corporate interests.

With the cold war over, Mr Webster has candidly acknowledged that his agency will be giving higher priority to gathering intelligence from rival nations to ensure America remains economically and technologically competitive. It will be seeking to spot trends, monitor trade negotiations, follow emerging technologies and keep abreast of "what our competition is doing" so "to confront it or confound it".

Webster: ordered to report on threat

The prime purpose would be "to keep the playing field as level as possible", he said in one interview, but he admitted confidential commercial information would inevitably fall into the CIA's hands. "We are not going to pick up the phone, call General Motors and say: 'I have a hot tip for you'. The question that's yet unanswered is how to deal with that information."

The National Security Agency faces the same problem. Its spy satellites pick up corporate secrets among the host of foreign communications on which it eavesdrops. According to *The Washington Post*, William Studeman, the NSA's director, recently made it clear that his agency is under pressure to pass on not just general economic intelligence, but competitive information.

Both the CIA and the NSA insist their role is defensive, but there is a large grey area. CIA officials say the agency shares information with companies if they are likely to become victims of improper activities by foreign competitors.

Vice-Admiral Studeman, who was being asked lots of questions by allies about the possibility of his agency "spying on our friends", said the NSA would help out "on the defensive side", particularly in protecting American banking institutions and others engaged "in sensitive kinds of economic enterprises".

Last respects: police line the route as the coffin of Sergeant Stewart Guthrie, one of 13 people killed by a gunman in the New Zealand village of Aramoana, is carried from St Paul's cathedral, Dunedin, where 2,000 people attended his funeral

Antarctic bases 'breaching pollution rules'

From NICHOLAS CATER IN VINA DEL MAR, CHILE

ANTARCTIC Treaty countries were attacked yesterday for breaking their own rules on environmental protection of the world's last wilderness.

Campaigners gathering in Chile to lobby the 38 treaty states, including Britain, at a special consultative meeting on the environment said that national scientific bases were guilty of breaching pollution regulations.

Paul Bogart of Greenpeace International, which has maintained a polar base at Ross Island since January 1987, told a press conference in Vina del Mar that its annual Antarctic expedition had now visited 35 bases. "We have been able to monitor the degradation that the Antarctic has suffered at the hands of the guardians of our last wilderness."

Among the results of the Greenpeace survey were:

☐ Levels of toxic PCBs in marine sediments at the US McMurdo Base are "as high as the most industrialised areas in the world".

☐ The wreck of the Argentine supply and tourist vessel, Bahia Paraiso, which ran aground two years ago on the Antarctic Peninsula is still spilling fuel.

☐ Construction of a French airstrip at Pointe Geologie destroyed bird breeding areas in one of the most ecologically diverse spots of the continent "without the objections of a single treaty nation".

The Fildes Peninsula, a protected area under the treaty because of the outstanding biological value of its glacial meltlakes, is now the location for four bases, an airstrip and an hotel: "The meltlakes have been used as a garbage dump."

Mr Bogart said that whatever the intentions of the treaty parties to protect the environment, "they have failed in their responsibilities". He called for a world park and a science reserve, a proposal that is backed worldwide by more than 200 organisations in 40 countries.

The Antarctic Treaty meeting, which formally begins today, is considering a wide range of issues including a possible moratorium of all mining and oil drilling, increased control of tourism, enforcing new rules on marine pollution as well as waste from bases. The meeting is intended to create a new and comprehensive environmental protection regime.

At the only formal business yesterday, The Netherlands and Ecuador were accepted as full consultative parties with voting rights. Of the 38 members, 26 have voting rights.

Suharto arrives in Hanoi for talks

Bangkok — President Suharto of Indonesia arrived in Hanoi yesterday for the first visit by a southeast Asian head of government since the communists came to power in Vietnam in April 1975, and the first visit by an Indonesian president in 30 years.

He was accompanied by Ali Alatas, the foreign minister, Major-General Murdiono, the secretary of state, and Radius Prawiro, the co-ordinating minister for economic, financial and industrial affairs and development supervision.

General Murdiono said earlier that the three-day visit would include talks with the Communist party leader Nguyen Van Linh and Do Muoi, the prime minister.

President Suharto met the Cambodian resistance leader, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, in Peking on Saturday. *(AP)*

Pakistan enquiry

Islamabad — Pakistan has reopened an investigation into the plane crash in 1988 in which President Zia was killed. Police said they are checking whether the al-Zulfikar terrorist group allegedly led by Murtaza Bhutto, brother of former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, was involved in the crash. *(AP)*

Japan lifts ban

Tokyo — Japan is to lift a ban on travel to communist North Korea, the first fruit of a tentative dialogue aimed at resuming long-frozen ties. The ban will be dropped in April next year. Little other progress was made, but the two sides agreed to meet again next month. *(Reuter)*

Duo forfeit award

Los Angeles — Rob Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan, the discredited front men for the pop group Milli Vanilli, will give up the Grammy award they won for their album *Girl You Know It's True*. Last week their German producer admitted the duo did not sing on the album, and mimed their way [illegible] (AP)

Move to avert fish dispute

By ANDREW MCEWEN AND MICHAEL SOLTYS

BRITAIN and Argentina held unexpected talks in London yesterday in an attempt to avert a dispute over fishing around the Falkland Islands, following the failure of talks held in Madrid last week.

Lucio Garcia del Solar, a senior Argentine official who negotiated the resumption of diplomatic links with Britain in February, met Tristan Garel-Jones, a Foreign Office minister. They were understood to be discussing a demand by the Falkland islanders to extend their fishing zone from 150 miles to 200 miles.

The Argentine foreign ministry yesterday rephrased an apparent threat made by Domingo Cavallo, the foreign minister, to take "unilateral steps" if fishing talks broke down. He meant that Argentina would feel obliged to respond if Britain took unilateral steps, a reference to an extension of the zone.

In another development, the Falkland Islands Government has refused to grant vessels from Taiwan licences to fish in its waters next year, marking its displeasure over large numbers of unlicensed Taiwanese boats which fished just outside the zone last year, reducing squid stocks [illegible]

Maldives fights to keep its head above rising waters

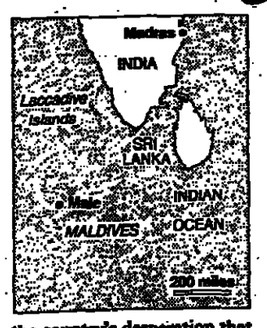
From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MALE, THE MALDIVES

THE remote republic of the Maldives, whose 1,200 coral islands rise no more than 6ft above the sea, is fighting to save itself from vanishing beneath the ocean.

"The sea was always our friend, now it is our enemy," said Hussain Shihab, the director of environmental affairs. "If we disappear, the world will have 200,000 environmental refugees on its hands."

One giant wave in April 1987 abruptly changed the attitude of the Maldives towards the sea. Two-thirds of the capital, Male, were flooded, and there was havoc on many of the other islands. The airport, which is on a nearby island, was closed for two days, and thousands of trees were killed. The wave was caused by a storm 3,000 miles away in the southern Indian Ocean.

"This area of the ocean is extremely calm," Mr Shihab said. "There was no record of this sort of thing happening before. Cyclones head towards us but because we are on the equator they turn away before reaching here. We always believed we had nothing to fear from the sea. Now we must fight it or we are finished." It is a measure of [illegible]



the country's desperation that it has now banned the ancient custom of coral mining carried out by divers, who traditionally take off only the top 6 ft of coral.

"They hack at it while they hold their breath, which is why they do not go deeper," Mr Shihab said. "But once the top part has gone the coral growth is seriously affected. That is also the part that gives the most important protection from the sea."

Anybody building a house on any of the the 200 populated islands traditionally dives for coral, but even that has been banned. Mr Shihab said the islands would not have been so badly damaged by the freak wave had the reef been intact.

The government still permits coral mining farther out [illegible] inaccessible to islanders accustomed to working around the shoreline. The republic, which lies 375 miles off the southwest coast of India, now uses imported cement for construction.

With Japanese assistance, a sea wall has been built along the southern edge of Male to protect the capital from any more big waves. But if global warming causes a substantial rise in the sea level, nothing will be able to save the islands. Mr Shihab said there was also concern that coral would stop growing if sea temperatures rose.

Many of the previously unoccupied islands of the Maldives have been turned into expensive tourist resorts, and tourism now out-performs fisheries as the main source of income. "Many people come specifically to see the coral," Mr Shihab said. "We always took it completely for granted and never thought we would ever have to stop removing it.

"We used it for all construction and only now do we realise that it is the reefs that protect us. It is a burden to our small economy to have to import substitute materials, but this is a necessary price. It will change the character of our buildings but it is unavoidable if we are to [illegible]

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Should she stay? Should she go? Why is she there at all? Three *Times* columnists on today's Conservative poll

There is no alternative

Woodrow Wyatt

Conservative MPs should not be confused by the weekend spate of opinion polls suggesting they would fare better at an election with Mr Heseltine as leader. Maybe he would have a two or three-month honeymoon period, but his stock would then fall. Despite the brouhaha, the message of most of the polls is that Mrs Thatcher's stock is already rising. The NMR/*Independent on Sunday* poll put the Conservatives with Mrs Thatcher only two points behind Labour. That is nothing for a Tory MP to be afraid of at this stage.

In April 1986, a Gallup poll put Labour ahead by 10.5 per cent. That May, Labour's lead was still 9.5 per cent. By January 1987, Gallup still recorded a 5 point lead for Labour, with the Conservatives at a wretched 34.5 per cent. In the run-up to the last election there were the usual complaints about Mrs Thatcher's style and her alleged unpopularity. In June 1987, she scored 42.2 per cent against Labour's 30.8 per cent, with a majority of 146 seats over Labour and of more than 100 against all comers.

All the indicators are that much the same will happen next time if Mrs Thatcher leads. As inflation drops, house prices begin to rise and mortgagers feel less hard-done-by, the additional unpopularity Mrs Thatcher suffers as head of a temporarily unpopular government will be reversed. And it is likely that her personal popularity will again exceed that of her party, as it has in the past. As the extra money now being spent on ameliorating the worst cases of hardship percolates through, the community charge will no longer seem the ogre now depicted. Also, the uniform business rate will be recognised as enlightened, compassionate redistribution between areas with near full employment and areas with heavy unemployment. In Wigan, for example, businesses, such as the Tote's new credit operation, are flooding in and cutting unemployment (previously 20 per cent) because business rates there are now much lower than in the prosperous South.

I hope Tory MPs will take a cool look at the undignified mess their strange electoral process has landed them in. Mr Humphry Berkeley, then a Tory MP, sold it as democracy *par excellence* to an unsuspecting Tory party. In 1966, having lumbered his colleagues with it, he joined Labour; then he tried the SDP, and afterwards went back to Labour, less than two years ago. Labour would never tolerate a contest against a Labour prime minister unless a majority at a party conference first allowed it to be set in motion. Labour delegates would be as unlikely to approve such an attempt as a Tory party conference.

Lord St John of Fawsley, an expert on Bagehot and the constitution, is certain that allowing Mr Heseltine to challenge Mrs Thatcher is unconstitutional: "Reigning prime ministers cannot be removed from office against their will save by one thing — the carrying of a vote of no confidence on the floor of the Commons." If Mr Heseltine or anyone else defeats her in a ballot of Tory MPs, we may depend upon it that this would be her position.

Her nature is such that she would reasonably claim that the electorate made her prime minister and it is only the electorate that has the right to depose her, unless she is defeated on a parliamentary vote of confidence. That would put Tory MPs in a worse pickle than now, particularly as it would be difficult to refuse her right to request a dissolution and a general election.

Between being leader of a party and prime minister there is a great distinction. Churchill became Tory leader only six months after he became prime minister, which he did at the same age as Mrs Thatcher is now. There was no loss of vigour in him, and the signs of it in Mrs Thatcher are remote.

The Delors plan for a single currency and a supreme independent European central bank was proposed before the upheavals in Eastern Europe. Essentially it is for a narrow, inward-looking European community of 12 imposing trade barriers against the rest of Europe and the world. Mrs Thatcher is the best European of them all, seeing that we must make room in the EC for all democratic European states whether in Efta or previously behind the Iron Curtain — perhaps even the Soviet Union, or elements of it, one day — if the true ideal of embracing all Europe is to be achieved. That is a grand vision of the future, not a mean one rooted in the past.

Mrs Thatcher still has much to do to ensure the advance and permanence of her radical revolution from which her Tory opponents hope to benefit while rejecting the only source so far available for keeping it on track. Removing Mrs Thatcher would not only irrevocably split the Tory party for years but would alienate millions of non-Tories who support her because they do not see her as an old-style, consensus, fudging Tory.

Mrs Thatcher will not go voluntarily before the next election. After that she may feel that someone in her mould, such as John Major, has matured enough to succeed her. If she is not the Tory prime ministerial candidate at the election, I, for what it is worth, would feel obliged to advise my millions of *News of the World* readers to vote for Mr Kinnock.

I would be far from being alone in this approach. If Tory MPs do not today give her a substantial majority, avoiding a second ballot, they will be signing their own political death warrants. Voting tactically would be to play the Berkeley buffoon.

Let her win today, then step down

Ronald Butt

The contest for the Conservative leadership has the overtones of genuine tragedy, threatening the downfall of one of the greatest peacetime prime ministers of this century. It has happened because Mrs Thatcher, having lost the knack of treating her cabinet as near-equals during her early battles to reform the nation's economy and society against the resistance of some colleagues, has never learned to change her style since. She is now paying the penalty exacted throughout history from leaders who come to believe that their past success has made them invincible.

Mrs Thatcher is defending herself against an attempted *coup d'état*, albeit one backed by votes instead of swords or guns. She is now faced by an alliance of affronted former colleagues and others who were slighted and rebuffed in the days of her ascendancy, led by a challenger whose naked ambition to reach the top has been the hallmark of his politics. Even if Mrs Thatcher beats Mr Heseltine in the first round of the leadership election today or wins in the second round, the divisions that have been created in the Tory party are now such that it is highly questionable whether she can or should continue as leader until the general election. But if she goes, it should not be in such a way as this.

There are fundamental differences between her challenge to Edward Heath and Mr Heseltine's to her. Mr Heseltine has consistently given the impression of a man whose sights have been rigidly set on attaining power, the policies he advances being the tools rather than the cause of his ambition. Mrs Thatcher, in contrast, sought power in a cause (a freer society and economy) because there was no other candidate and when the party was newly in opposition. That cause remains for her a disinterested crusade even though she has been wrongly persuaded by 11 years of power that she alone is capable of sustaining it.

If she is forced out as a result of this election, several inimical consequences for the Tory party will follow. To start with, it would be the first overthrow of a prime minister in office by a secret vote of the governing party's backbenchers instead of by defections in an open parliamentary vote or the break-up of a coalition, either of which would lead to a general election. This is a quasi-presidential election, but one restricted to a single party. The danger is that Tory MPs, forgetting the Burkean principle that they are representatives who should trust to their own instinct and judgment, will go for the candidate whom the deluding voices of the opinion polls say will win the next election.

If they do so, they may unleash a temporary onrush of euphoric interest in the Tory party but in the longer run the public will realise that Mr Heseltine's election would change nothing substantial in terms of policy before the election and would do nothing to heal the divisions which have to be healed for a further Tory victory. Indeed, a Heseltine victory would bring the party much nearer to a fatal split on Europe.

So far, Europe has only been the trigger for this contest, the ammunition employed being largely the personal resentment of some politicians and the public grievances on domestic policy (especially the poll tax and interest rates). But there is still a massive cache of political dynamite labelled "Europe" beneath the Tory party, and a Heseltine victory would be far more likely than a Thatcher victory to explode it.

The issue between Mrs Thatcher and both Mr Heseltine and Sir Geoffrey Howe is this. Is Britain to commit itself to set out for a destination called monetary union whose climate and terrain is unknown and with unacceptable consequences for national sovereignty? Or is it to wait, as Mrs Thatcher wants, until the destination is established more clearly? The ultimate question is whether a central monetary authority is possible without an offsetting central political authority and what the latter would mean for each member nation.

It is not a matter of what is contemptuously called narrow national sovereignty. What matters is to preserve the rights of nation states sharing a common political culture within a given territory because they best provide manageable units of democratic accountability.

Mrs Thatcher instinctively grasps this, which is her strength. Her weakness is that she has repeatedly damaged her cause by expressing it in terms suggesting a temperamental disposition to dislike continentals. If she were defeated by Mr Heseltine I do not believe she would take to the lecture circuit or the Lords. She would fight her cause on Europe from the backbenches and she would have followers enough to split the party if she saw the need. Hell would have no fury like it. The dynamite could be ignited and the Tory party not merely divided but perhaps broken in Corn Laws style. Mr Kinnock would be the sole beneficiary.

There is no healing prospect in Mr Heseltine's candidature, and if they are wise the Conservatives will re-elect Mrs Thatcher. They would have reason for shame and regret if in panic they dismissed her now for no clear cause. But if she and her supportive colleagues are also wise, they will then set about the process by which she vacates the prime ministership well before the general election so that someone who embodies the best of what she stands for can be chosen, not in a *coup d'état*, but in a contest for the succession that is unembittered.

Bernard Levin

Frittering away their lives for a little sham authority

Kindly settle down, preferably with a stiffish drink in hand, and listen to this extraordinary account: I took it, word for word, from *The Times* Diary.

> ... he is reckoned to have spent at least £100,000 a year on his unofficial campaign since he stalked out of the cabinet in June 1986... he often addresses four Conservative associations a week, sometimes at opposite ends of the country... Friday evenings, a favourite for Tory meetings, are booked up 12 months in advance and he does not have a spare lunchtime date till February. Every weekday evening throughout parliamentary sessions is booked for dinners with backbench colleagues or Tory pressure groups...

Obviously, it is Mr Heseltine who is being described, if only because it is unlikely that any other MP could afford £100,000 a year on any kind of campaign, let alone one that is as likely to fail as to succeed, and indeed much likelier.

Leave the money out of it; Mr Heseltine can easily afford it. (His fortune, reckoned in tens of millions, he made himself.) But just look at the life he leads. How would you like it, *it* being four constituency parties addressed in a week, every Friday booked a year ahead, dinner to useful colleagues and pressure groups every weekday evening in the session and no empty lunchtime spaces in your diary till February?

It is impossible. No human being could stand it; the mayors' greetings alone would have killed him years ago, never mind the travel. Either he is one of identical triplets who secretly share the burden, or he is a Thing from Outer Space. Whichever it is, we must probe further. However the trick is done, the important question is: what is it done *for*?

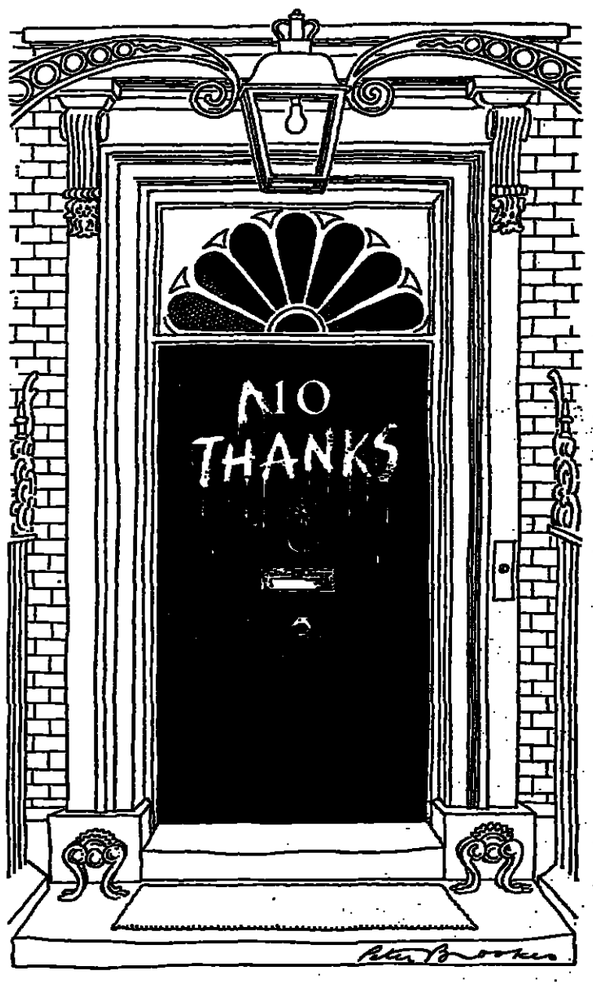
We have all known the answer for many years, not least because he has never attempted to disguise his ambition. Very well; I don't want to be prime minister, and I dare say you don't either, if you have any sense, but Mr Heseltine is entitled — he is a politician, after all, and few politicians can resist advancement — to follow his star, and to do so with all the fervour he can summon up, which, in view of the schedule he follows, must be considerable. He has measured the ground; but what kind of a life must he lead in his chase after this unreal and all but worthless quarry, a jack-o'lantern that has led so many ambitious men (and at least one woman I know of) into the woods, there to quench their burning hopes in the slime of the quicksand which is all that can be found at the end of the trail?

Well, *what* kind of a life? When did he last spend a long weekend in Rome, just for pleasure? When did he last go to the theatre? When did he last cancel an engagement, on a whim, to take his wife out to dinner?

Easily answered, those questions, are they? More important things... never was much of a playgoer... Anne doesn't care for restaurants. Try a few more, starting with those four Tory associations addressed week in and week out. These must comprise, as to perhaps 97 per cent of their number, bores so dreadful, so implacable, so clinging, so monomaniac, so vacant of mind, face and bearing, that any man with even the slightest residue of sensitivity left in his make-up would, after half an hour of them, go to the lavatory, lock himself in, and cut his throat. (Note that I say nothing of the unimaginable filth that passes for food at such gatherings, together with wine that can take the enamel off your teeth with the first sip.)

As for those backbenchers who feed nightly at his cost throughout the parliamentary year, it must be worse still. Imagine being obliged to be not just polite, but attentive, sympathetic and admiring to creatures that have *not* crawled out of the woodwork because no self-respecting woodwork would have allowed them to crawl in in the first place. Imagine laughing at their jokes, remembering the names of their wives and mistresses, pretending not to notice that they are drunk, shoving expensive cigars into their faces. Surely a hook, a noose and a kitchen chair would be preferable to such waking nightmares?

It is not enough to say that he doesn't agree, and there's nowt so queer as folks. Heseltine is an intelligent and far-seeing man, and he knows that the horrors a prime minister has to embrace are much worse than what he has had to endure in the cause of his advancement. Yet he wants the job so badly that he has put up with that punishing routine for years, and is plainly willing to put up with a far more gruelling one.



Why? To stand next to the Queen at the Cenotaph? To mingle with his opposite numbers at European conferences more boring than the Tory associations and to shake hands with delegates more dreadful than his own backbenchers? To unveil statues which would have been much better left veiled? To — my hands hover over the keyboard, unwilling to descend — to get into the history books? Dear God, when did he last *read* a history book?

And what about her? She has had 11 years of it, *and she wants more*. In that decade she has certainly experienced every atom of the disillusion that comes to those who imagined ("Can I do this, and cannot get a crown? Tut, were it farther off, I'd pluck it down") that the view from 10 Downing Street would be utterly different from anything the tenant had hitherto seen, filled with vistas of a world new-made. Well, now she knows, as her predecessors found out, that the only vista she can see is the roof of the Foreign Office.

Harold Macmillan, whose elevation was achieved by a brutality, cunning and greed for power normally met only in conclaves of Mafia *capi*, said, after he had climbed the greasy pole and pushed all his rivals off (*takes out handkerchief containing concealed onion*) that the whole thing was Dead Sea Fruit. Even he, who had revelled in the post more than any other prime minister since Disraeli, found that the glittering prizes were made not of diamonds, nor even convincing paste, but glass.

And yet she will slug it out with Heseltine, and if it goes to a second round, Hurd will push his nose in, and so will half a dozen more people almost as terrible as he, who know they have no chance but think they are putting down markers for the next round a few years hence.

I ask again: what is it for? To acquire power? They can have none that merits the word. To garner the admiration of the masses? Even hers ran out a year or two ago. To have Britain shake the world? As well expect Botswana to do so. To find their memoirs and diaries serialised in *The Sunday Times*? We have long since learned how to skip.

I return to Mr Heseltine, where I started. Suppose she beats him, but not by a knockout. Suppose, therefore, he continues to pursue the ambition he has nursed with such grisly assiduity. Suppose he is in opposition after the next election. Can he really go on with that dreadful self-torture in the hope that his time will — after yet another one or two administrations — come at last? Suppose it doesn't, and he realises it has all been wasted? Worse, suppose it does, and he inherits the crown, and *then* realises that it has all been wasted?

Enough. My advice to the lot of them is to give it to Critchley.

...and moreover

Alan Coren

I don't know if you caught my act last Saturday. I had a pretty good crowd, because it was a pretty good act, but when you are a performer, you have to concentrate on your performance, you must not look around the audience for people you know, because if you catch their eye it can throw you. Also, the light wasn't too good. You know how it is on a November afternoon in Budapest, the sun sinks early, the fog comes up off the Danube, and before the performer knows it, the audience has begun to blend into the grey, baroque backdrop. Which is why you have to have a good act. If you have a lousy act, and nobody shrieks or cheers, by about 4pm there is no way of knowing whether you have an audience at all. They might all have ambled off to watch the King of the Parrots.

We had a good act. Want to know just how good it was? By the end we had more than 600 forints in the pig. That's how good it was. These are tough times in Hungary, and nobody puts a forint in a pig unless the act is a real winner.

The pig was tied to my partner's leg. It was a small pink pig with a slot in its back, and it was luminous. Because I do not speak Hungarian, I could not ask my partner whether it was luminous so that he could see where it went if anyone tried to take advantage of the fog to cut the string and run away with it, but I didn't have to. As I say, times are tough in Hungary, and a pigful of forints is not to be sneezed at

The King of the Parrots did not have a pig. You had to put your forint into one of his parrots. These were bolted on his barrel-organ, another smart move, especially as the barrel-organ was bolted to his tricycle. To nick his forints, you would first have to kidnap the King of the Parrots, which is almost certainly a major offence.

Earlier, I had watched all this bolting take place. I had walked up Castle Hill, on the Buda side of the Danube, to the vast cobbled square between the Coronation Church and the Fisherman's Bastion where the citizens of Budapest promenade to watch the acts, and I had seen the King of the Parrots arrive on his tricycle. You could not tell he was a king, then, because he had not yet taken his top hat from his saddlebag, nor put on his white silk scarf and his white silk gloves, nor, of course, bolted his parrots to the barrel-organ. Then you knew. He had majesty. Psittacine, true, but majesty none the less.

He did not, however, have much of an act. The barrel organ played one tune, and the parrots' wings flapped a bit, and that was it. A thick edge over Bernard Manning, but that was about all you could say for it. After five minutes, I moved on. What I moved on to was another figure in a top hat (how much capitalist millinery survived half a century of communism is another question you can't ask if you don't speak Hungarian). The second figure had not only a top hat, but a frock coat and huge clown-boots, to one of which the luminous pig was shackled. When you put a forint in his pig, he bowed, his top hat opened, and a gonk waved at you.

Minimalist stuff, but it was all he did. Until I arrived.

When I arrived, he beckoned me over. Then he mimed hat-removal, pointing at mine. I did not have a topper, but I had my brown fedora. I raised it to him. He drew me alongside. I twigged: he wanted a double act. Since it might well have been a lifetime's dream, who could refuse? He did not have much of a crowd, but the next time one of them put a forint in the pig, and the gonk waved, I raised my hat.

We were a sensation. A mob gathered. And lest you jump to the conclusion that there is not much to do in Budapest of a Saturday, let me tell you we were a class act. Synchronised swimming didn't come close. The only pity was that the partnership had to break up, but this happens in show business. Especially if one half is on a day trip to Budapest and has to get back to Gatwick.

It was a terrific day; £129 is a small price to pay for stardom.

Diary

Guess what's on telly...

Both the BBC and ITN have detailed contingency plans for television coverage if Mrs Thatcher is defeated or forced to stand down after today's leadership election. Programmes such as *EastEnders* might be cancelled to make way for specials on the end of Thatcherism and the history of the last 11 turbulent years. Among the politicians on standby are former prime ministers Edward Heath and Lord Callaghan as well as Lords Whitelaw and Carrington. They have provided details of their likely movements, and their phone numbers, so that they will be available for instant comment.

Armies of researchers at the BBC and at ITN have been putting together footage for use in television tributes to Mrs Thatcher.

The BBC is at an advantage. The result will be announced while *The Six O'Clock News* is on the air; ITV will be restricted to a newsflash inserted into regional programmes. The BBC can take an instant decision to extend or cancel programmes; on the commercial channel, 15 companies have to be consulted. But ITV is determined not to let the BBC make all the running.

Neither side will finalise the format of any special tributes until after the voting figures have been analysed. For the BBC, Peter Sissons will present an election special at 7 o'clock, which will last has survived, but will be extended to an hour if she has lost. *The Nine O'Clock News* would probably also be extended.

Whatever the result, Michael Heseltine will be available to the cameras, as will members of Mrs Thatcher's camp. But broadcasters are pessimistic about the chances of getting the lady herself if things go badly for her. A BBC insider says: "The feeling is that we will not get Mrs Thatcher. She will want to sleep on the result before making a statement." But, he adds: "If she wins convincingly we might get a few words." More than a few, some suspect.

National failing

With the Royal Shakespeare Company's Barbican home in darkness for at least the next four months, how fares that other centre of London theatrical excellence, the National? None too well, according to Lady Soames, its chairman.

Appointed two years ago, she has spent her time investigating every nook of the building and found it seriously lacking. Perhaps taking her cue from the character in the National's current production of David Hare's *Racing Demon* who observes how difficult it would be "to worship an architect", Lady Soames says: "It's a grotty building. It is running down and the air-conditioning is faulty." What money is available is channelled to safety measures and mending a leaking roof, but she believes a much more radical renewal of the

Most seriously, a creaking building is beginning to affect productions. "The revolving stage mechanism at the Olivier has twice broken down in the middle of *The School for Scandal*, and we have had to send the audience home." Then, with a woman's eye for such detail, she adds: "And just look at the carpets in the lobbies. If they were in your drawing room you would be horrified."

Double-header

Baroness Blackstone, a Labour education spokesman in the House of Lords, found herself in a corner last night after appearing in BBC television's 90-minute special, *The Great Education Debate*. She was annoyed about the political leanings of others among the 200 teachers, parents and educationists who took part in the heated discussion of school standards. Despite BBC claims that the programme displayed due impartiality, she complains: "There was not a fair representation of parents, merely

So will Blackstone make the complaint official? That would be difficult. She is also chairman of the BBC's general advisory council. "I would never abuse my position," she insists.

Voting with their feet

The Commons will tonight provide a rival attraction to the Tory leadership vote. As it is being announced in committee room 12, England soccer captain Gary Lineker will be addressing the all-party football committee in room 21. And its officials are confident he will retain his turnstile appeal.

The committee is dominated by Labour members, but a good

turn-out from both sides is predicted. Tory MP Jim Lester, the secretary, says: "I shall be listening to Gary. The leadership result will travel like wildfire, but we shall

Thatcher and Heseltine supporters alike may well find the subject of Lineker's speech instructive: "The return to Europe".

Steaks Diane

After nearly a century of neglect, Spencer House in St James's regained something of its glory as one of London's finest 18th-century palaces last night when 500 guests gathered to toast its restoration. Chief among them was the Princess of Wales, whose family leased the house to Jacob Rothschild in 1985 in return for the restoration work, which cost £16 million.

Every detail from the scarlet damask lining the ballroom to the marble fireplaces has been meticulously restored. "In the 18th century, the house was known as a phoenix because of its Roman-style decoration. It has now been reborn from its ashes," says John Hardy from Christie's, who helped with the work.

Once a rallying point for the social and political élite of the day, the house is now open to anyone — anyone, that is, who can afford £10,000, the cost of hiring it for an evening's banquet.

Only one detail escaped the vigilance of the restorers. "The kitchens were not big enough," says Hardy. "It was only recently realised that the house would need larger kitchens to cope with the amount of entertaining it is going to see." A new butler's pantry was hastily built, to the satisfaction of the head chef, Stephen Lattimer, formerly of the Garrick club.

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European armed forces move into the scrap metal business

The conventional forces accord, signed in Paris yesterday, outlines a range of options on how to dispose of the vast surplus equipment, Michael Evans reports

THE 22 countries which signed the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) treaty yesterday are now committed to the scrap business in a big way. More than 60,000 items of equipment have to be cut up, blown up or converted.

Britain's contribution to the arms scrapyard will be relatively modest. According to figures released by the Ministry of Defence yesterday, Britain will have to destroy 183 tanks and 17 armoured combat vehicles. Based on an arms share-out, agreed within Nato, Britain will not have to destroy any artillery, aircraft or helicopters, and will even be allowed to increase the number of aircraft from the present 842 to 900 and the number of helicopters from 368 to 384.

The CFE treaty, published yesterday, outlines a range of options for removing tanks and other equipment from Europe. One option is to keep treaty-limited items on static display. No country will be allowed to have more than 1 per cent, or eight items, whichever is the greater, displayed for the public. Tanks will have to have their engines filled with concrete and their fuel tanks "rendered incapable of holding fuel".

To destroy a tank, the turret has to be removed and the gun barrel severed in two parts at a distance of no more than 100mm from the breech ring. Or the tank can be dynamited. Another possibility is destruction by smashing, in which a heavy steel wrecking ball is dropped repeatedly on to the hull and turret "until the hull is cracked in at least three separate places and the turret in at least one place".

Aircraft can be destroyed by being shot down as target drones, although no more than 200 can be destroyed this way. The treaty also allows for "destruction by accident". For example, provided notification is given within seven days, a CFE-limited combat aircraft which crashes "shall be deemed reduced under the rules of the treaty".

Tanks and other equipment which belong to historical collections or are used solely for research and development are excluded from the destruction programme.

The reductions in arms have to be carried out in three phases: after 16 months, at least 25 per cent of the holdings; after 28 months, at least 60 per cent; and the rest within the treaty period of 40 months.

Under article 19, any signatory has the right to withdraw from the agreement if it decides that "extraordinary events ... have jeopardised its supreme interests". This could happen if another country increased its holdings in tanks and other equipment outside the region covered by the treaty, "in such proportions as to pose an obvious threat to the balance of forces within the area of application".

This clause was inserted, partly because of concern over the removal by the Soviet Union of up to 20,000 tanks to the region east of the Ural mountains which is outside the treaty. Yesterday James Woolsey, the American ambassador at the CFE negotiations, said in Paris: "We have discussed this with the Soviets and we're confident that the bulk of the tanks which have been withdrawn will be destroyed or converted." He said Moscow had invited a team of US experts to to assess the tank withdrawals.

General John Galvin, Nato's military commander, speaking in Böblingen, Germany, welcomed the arms reductions treaty but said that it required military structure, not just treaties, to keep the peace. He said the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe could not replace Nato and that the Western military alliance should remain intact even if the Warsaw Pact were to dissolve (Reuter reports).

He said he was concerned that Moscow was moving tanks and other equipment east of the Urals. "It amounts to thousands of pieces of equipment but I am not so concerned about that that I would say don't sign the treaty. Let's work out the problem of what's east of the Urals," he said.

Scowcroft questions data given by Moscow

By ANDREW MCEWEN, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE effectiveness of the historic East-West conventional arms treaty was questioned yesterday only hours after 23 nations had signed it in Paris.

The Soviet Union declared fewer artillery pieces and military sites than expected, suggesting that the treaty may not after all lead to the greatest peaceful destruction of weapons in history. It was already known that Moscow had withdrawn large numbers of tanks east of the Ural mountains to remove them from the area covered by the treaty. The West has also removed some of its armaments.

Brent Scowcroft, the United States national security adviser, said that Washington was questioning the data provided by the Soviet Union under the Conventional Arms in Europe (CFE) treaty, signed by the 16 Nato and seven Warsaw Pact nations.

"We do have some questions about the initial data that they have given and it looks like there may be some problems there," he said in a television interview. The signatories exchanged huge quantities of data on their weapons when the treaty was initialled in Vienna on Sunday. David Shorr of Basic, a British-American research group, said the United States had expected Moscow to declare about 5,000 artillery pieces but it proved to be just over 500.

There was also concern over whether the Soviet data will prevent verification arrangements from working as intended. Each side will be able to visit the other's military facilities to check that the treaty is observed, but the number of visits allowed will depend on the number of military facilities that each party declared.

The United States expected the Soviet Union to declare about 2,000 sites, but according to Mr Shorr it was under 1,000. It also appeared that Moscow had moved even more tanks east of the Urals than expected.

The Soviet moves were not unexpected and do not mean that Washington will regard the treaty as worthless. American negotiators will put pressure on Moscow to make good deficiencies in data.

James Woolsey, chief American negotiator to CFE, said there was a 90-day period during which data could be adjusted. "We expect ... with an unprecedented data exchange of this sort, for there to be mistakes, incomplete pieces of information."

The Soviet Union had assured the United States it would destroy the bulk of the equipment withdrawn from Europe or convert it for peaceful use. "It would be premature for me at this point to say anything more about this issue. It's an important one. It's a serious one. It's one we're taking very much into consideration," he said.

Mr Scowcroft said the problems did not devalue the importance of the treaty which still eliminated the Soviet Union's conventional arms advantage over Nato in Europe.

Britain will lose 183 tanks and 17 armoured combat vehicles under the treaty, reducing main battle tanks from 1,198 to 1,015 and armoured combat vehicles from 3,193 to 3,176. No cuts in combat aircraft, helicopters or artillery will be needed as the figures allowed are either more than or the same as those currently deployed.

The treaty allows Britain to retain 900 combat aircraft and 384 helicopters. It it currently has 842 and 368 respectively.

As some Phantom and Buccaneer aircraft are to be scrapped, the figures will allow for the introduction of the European Fighter Aircraft in the late 1990s, as well as a new attack helicopter currently under consideration. The treaty will have no effect on artillery as Britain currently possesses 636 pieces — the figure specified by the pact.

● PARIS — The foreign ministers of 34 countries will meet in Berlin next year as part of a new political framework for Europe, the German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, said yesterday.

Herr Kohl said heads of state and government attending the CSCE summit had agreed to hold the first of what will be annual meetings, as a political council for Europe, on June 19 and 20. Under a "Charter of Paris for a New Europe" to be signed by the summit on Wednesday, the annual foreign ministers' meetings will be the central forum for political consultations within the CSCE process.

Bushed, bothered and bewildered: James Baker has the ear of an apparently weary President Bush at the Paris summit, while Helmut Kohl remains steadfastly poker-faced

Accord lays down obligations and rights of 22 signatories

FOLLOWING are extracts from the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe signed yesterday by the 16 Nato and six Warsaw Pact members:

1 Each state party shall carry out the obligations set forth in this treaty in accordance with its provisions, including those obligations relating to the following five categories of conventional armed forces: battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and combat helicopters ...

The term "group of states parties" means the group of states parties that signed the Treaty of Warsaw of 1955 consisting of People's Republic of Bulgaria, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Poland, Romania, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, or the group of states parties that signed or acceded to the Treaty of Brussels of 1948 or the Treaty of Washington of 1949 consisting of the Kingdom of Belgium, Canada, the Kingdom of Denmark, the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Republic of Iceland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of The Netherlands, the Kingdom of Norway, the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Turkey, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The term "area of application" means the entire land territory of the states parties in Europe from the Atlantic Ocean to the Ural mountains, which includes all the European island territories of the states parties ... In the case of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics the area of application includes all territory lying west of the Ural river and the Caspian Sea. In the case of the Republic of Turkey, the area of application includes territory of the Republic of Turkey north and west of a line extending from the point of intersection of the Turkish border with the 39th parallel to Muradiye, Patnos, Karayazi, Tekman, Kemaliye, Feke, Ceyhan, Dogankent, Gozne, and thence to the sea ...

2 Within the area of application ... each state party shall limit and, as necessary, reduce its battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and attack helicopters so that, 40 months after entry into force of this treaty and thereafter, for the group of states parties to which it belongs ... the aggregate numbers do not exceed:

- ☐ 20,000 battle tanks, of which no more than 16,500 shall be in active units;
- ☐ 30,000 armoured combat vehicles, of which no more than 27,300 shall be in active units. Of the 30,000 armoured combat vehicles, no more than 18,000 shall be armoured infantry fighting vehicles and heavy armament combat vehicles; of armoured infantry fighting vehicles and heavy armament combat vehicles, no more than 1,500 shall be heavy armament combat vehicles;
- ☐ 20,000 pieces of artillery, of which no more than 17,000 shall be in active units;
- ☐ 6,800 combat aircraft; and
- ☐ 2,000 attack helicopters.

3 Battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles and artillery not in active units shall be placed in designated permanent storage sites ...

With the objective of ensuring that no single state party possesses more than approximately one-third of the conventional armaments and equipment limited by the Treaty within the area of application, each state party shall limit and, as necessary, reduce its battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and attack helicopters so that, 40 months after entry into force of this treaty and thereafter, the numbers within the area of application for that state party do not exceed:

- ☐ 13,300 battle tanks;
- ☐ 20,000 armoured combat vehicles;
- ☐ 13,700 pieces of artillery;
- ☐ 5,150 combat aircraft; and
- ☐ 1,500 attack helicopters.

4 Reductions shall be effected in three phases and completed no later than 40 months after entry into force of this Treaty, so that:

- ☐ By the end of the first reduction phase, that is, no later than 16 months after entry into force of this treaty, each state party shall have ensured that at least 25 per cent of its total reduction liability in each of the categories of conventional armaments and equipment limited by the treaty has been reduced;
- ☐ By the end of the second reduction phase, that is, no later than 28 months after entry into force of this Treaty, each State Party shall have ensured that at least 60 per cent of its total reduction liability in each of the categories of conventional armaments limited by the Treaty have been reduced;
- ☐ By the end of the third reduction phase, that is, no later than 40 months after entry into force of this treaty, each state party shall have reduced its total reduction liability in each of the categories of conventional armaments and equipment limited by the Treaty ...

5 The reduction process, including the results of the conversion of conventional armaments and equipment limited by the treaty for non-military purposes both during the reduction period and in the 24 months following the reduction period, shall be subject to inspection, without right of refusal ...

For the purposes of ensuring verification of compliance with the provisions of this treaty, each state party shall provide notifications and exchange information pertaining to its conventional armaments and equipment ...

For the purpose of ensuring verification of compliance with the provisions of this treaty, each state party shall have the right to conduct, and the obligation to accept, within the area of application, inspections...

The purpose of such inspections shall be:

- ☐ To verify, on the basis of the information provided ... the compliance of states parties with the numerical limitations ...
- ☐ To monitor the process of reduction of battle tanks, armoured combat vehicles, artillery, combat aircraft and attack helicopters carried out at reduction sites ...
- ☐ To monitor the certification of recategorised multi-purpose attack helicopters and reclassified combat-capable trainer aircraft ...
- ☐ To promote the objectives and implementation of the provisions of this treaty, the states parties hereby establish a joint consultative group ...
- ☐ Each state party shall have the right to raise before the joint consultative group, and have placed on its agenda, any issue relating to this treaty ...

6 The states parties, after signature of this treaty, shall continue the negotiations on conventional armed forces with the same mandate and with the goal of building on this treaty.

The objective for these negotiations shall be to conclude an agreement on additional measures aimed at further strengthening security and stability in Europe, and pursuant to the mandate, including measures to limit the personnel strength of their conventional armed forces within the area of application.

The states parties shall seek to conclude these negotiations no later than the follow-up meeting of the Conference on Security and Co-peration in Europe to be held in Helsinki in 1992.

7 This treaty shall be of unlimited duration. It may be supplemented by a further treaty.

Each state party shall, in exercising its national sovereignty, have the right to withdraw from this treaty if it decides that extraordinary events related to the subject matter of this treaty have jeopardised its supreme interests ...

Forty-six months after entry into force of this treaty, and at five-year intervals thereafter, the depositary shall convene a conference of the states parties to conduct a review of the operation of this treaty ...

8 This treaty shall be subject to ratification by each state party in accordance with its constitutional procedures. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the government of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, hereby designated the depositary.

9 This treaty shall enter into force ten days after instruments of ratification have been deposited by all states parties ...

Generals relaunch communism

From DESSA TREVISAN AND RICHARD BASSETT IN BELGRADE

SEVERAL retired Yugoslav army generals yesterday formed a new hard-line communist party, resurrecting the old League of Communists and fuelling fears of an eventual military coup.

The League collapsed earlier this year at the ruling party congress during which the delegation of Yugoslavia's northern republic of Slovenia walked out. Since then communists in Croatia have dropped the name communist as well as its idealogy. Slovene communists did the same and both parties have since suffered defeat at free elections, losing to right-wing nationalist parties. In Serbia, however, the communist party renamed itself the Socialist party but preserved its tightly centralised structures and ideology.

The new military party has emerged in a conspiratorial fashion. Its programme of action was worked out during a series of clandestine meetings between senior service chiefs and retired communist politicians, including the defence minister, General Veljko Kadijevic, a Serb.

Dark horse adds pep to presidential race

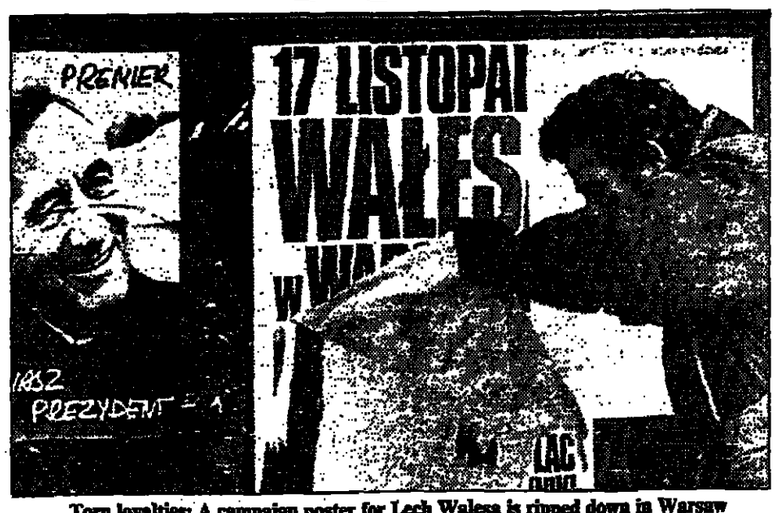
From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

A MYSTERIOUS Polish-Canadian millionaire looks set to capture a large number of votes in the presidential elections on Sunday, upsetting the chances of Lech Walesa, the Solidarity chairman, and Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the prime minister.

Stanislaw Tyminski, a businessman aged 42, is now running a strong third in the race to replace General Wojciech Jaruzelski. Opinion polls vary, and some of their sampling may be suspect, but it is plain that Mr Tyminski commands about 18 per cent of the vote, only some five or six per cent behind Mr Mazowiecki. Mr Walesa is still ahead of the field with around 40 per cent.

But to win in the first round this weekend, the successful candidate needs to scoop up at least 50 per cent of the vote. Mr Tyminski, a complete outsider, is making this extremely difficult. If the election goes to a second round, then Mr Tyminski will probably strike a deal with either Mr Walesa or Mr Mazowiecki in return for his chunk of the votes.

The other minor candidates, from the Peasants party, from the Social Democrats (the renamed communists) and from the nationalist Confederation for an Independent Poland, are so far behind Mr Tyminski that they have lost most of their bargaining powers. The campaign staffs of Mr Mazowiecki and Mr Walesa are thus scrambling to find information, preferably damaging from their point or view, about Mr Tyminski. Apart from information which he himself has offered, very little is known about him.



Torn loyalties: A campaign poster for Lech Walesa is ripped down in Warsaw

He left Poland in 1969, first for Sweden and then for Canada, where he set up a successful computer company. Later he moved to Peru and made — and, according to some versions, lost — a fortune. Mr Tyminski invested in a cable television network. He married a Peruvian who has appeared on Polish television as a potential first lady. She speaks only a little Polish.

In 1985 he returned to Canada and entered politics in a small way, heading the Libertarian party with a following of about 3,000.

This is not the classic profile of an aspiring Polish politician. All the non-socialist candidates for the presidency were interned after martial law; some, such as Moc Leszek Moczulski of the Confederation for an Independent Poland, served many years in prison.

Until now Mr Tyminski has had no influence on Polish politics, no connections with the underground opposition or the communist regime. He is a Polish citizen (and apparently a Canadian and Peruvian) but he has no other foothold in the country. Yet he managed with some ease to cross the first hurdle of the campaign, gathering 100,000 signatures of support.

His appeal may be precisely this lack of political background: he is a non-free and has clean hands. Jerzy Urban, the former government spokesman who is now the proprietor and editor of a weekly journal, judges that Mr Tyminski may also be appealing to the female vote since he combines reasonably good looks with great wealth.

But he also strikes a populist chord. Unlike Mr Walesa and Mr Mazowiecki, who agree that rapid privatisation is the next stage in the post-communist revolution, Mr Tyminski says that privatisation means "selling the national assets to foreign capital".

In his speeches, this quintessential businessman says that the threat to Poland now comes not from the East but from the West.

His political advisers may have told him that he is appearing too nice, too pliant. That appears to be the only explanation for an outburst at a rally in Zakopane. He told the crowd there that Mr Mazowiecki had betrayed the nation and deliberately faked the country's economic statistics. "The recession and inflation are at least 50 per cent higher than officially reported," he claimed.

The prime minister's staff have released furious denials and Mr Mazowiecki declared: "The statement breaches any elementary sense of responsibility." That is as close as Mr Mazowiecki comes to passion on the platform.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 19: The Princess Royal, Patron, Intensive Care Society, this afternoon visited the Society at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, London SW1.

In the evening Her Royal Highness, Patron, HFT Development Trust, attended a Dinner Party at the Mansion House and was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir Alexander Graham).

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 19: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat at the Memorial Service for Mrs Leopold Lonsdale which was held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy today.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 19: The Princess of Wales reopened Spencer House, St James's Place, SW1.

Mrs George West and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 19: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Eric Penn at the Memorial Service for Mrs Leopold Lonsdale which was held in The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy today.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.A. Bownes and Miss LM.L. Borrows
The engagement is announced between Gary Alexander, son of Mr and Mrs Victor Bownes, of Coleraine, and Isobel Margaret Louise, younger daughter of Mrs Margaret Borrows, of Chester.

Mr S.C.B. Carter and Miss J.L. Dazeley
Simon Charles Barrington Carter and Jane Lesley Dazeley, of 10 High Street, Old Chesterton, Cambridge, are delighted to announce their engagement. They will be married next summer.

The Rev Canon M.L. Cooper and Dr S.M. Ramsaran
The engagement is announced between Michael Leonard, younger son of Mr S. Cooper and the late Mrs G.M. Cooper, of Cranbrook, Kent, and Susan Mira, elder daughter of the late Dr J.A. Ramsaran and of Mrs Margaret Ramsaran, of Plaxtol (formerly of Ightham), Kent.

Mr R.P. Furniss-Roe and Miss M.J. Glyn
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr Henry Furniss-Roe and Mrs Jean Furniss-Roe, of Bishopsteignton, Devon, and Marina, only daughter of Mr Jimmy Glyn, of London, SW5, and Mrs Lucinda Glyn, of London, SW10.

Mr J.H. Garthwaite and Dr C.J. Gordon
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Martin Garthwaite, of St Martin, Jersey, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs James Gordon, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr K.C.A. Knight and Miss N.J. Lovett
The engagement is announced between Karl, only son of Mr and Mrs G.J. Knight, and Nicola Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.S. Lovett, both of Godmanchester, Cambridgeshire.

Baron Kiril De Laanet and Miss L.M. Johnston
Baron Kiril De Laanet proudly announces his engagement to Lesley, eldest daughter of Sam and Nina Johnston, of Erskine, Renfrewshire.

Mr P.A. Kiernan and Miss F.A. Pearce
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs J.P. Kiernan, of Watford, Hertfordshire, and Felicity, youngest daughter of the late Mr G.A. Pearce and of Mrs I.R. Pearce, of Mannings Heath, Horsham, West Sussex.

Mr G.C. Myddelton and Miss A.J. Wright
The engagement is announced between Guy, eldest son of Mr David Myddelton, of Chirk, Clwyd, and Mrs Anne Henson, of Firby, North Yorkshire, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Wright, of Peaslake, Surrey.

Mr A. Wallace and Miss J. Smith
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Roland Wallace, of Combs, Suffolk, and Julia, daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Smith, of Colchester, Essex.

Mr P.J. Windett and Miss S.R. Miller
The engagement is announced between Peter John, son of Mr and Mrs Harold Windett, of Seaford, Sussex, and Sophie Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Miller, of Ham Common, Richmond, Surrey.

Marriage

Mr J.M.E. Rothschild and Miss A.R. Johnstone
The marriage took place on Saturday, November 10, at St Mary's, Woolpit, Suffolk, of Jeremy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Rothschild, to Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Johnstone. The Rev Alan Taylor officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs James Buchanan and Mrs Ross Mitchell. Mr Simon Rothschild was best man.

A reception was held at the Dedham Vale Hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

The Association of Corporate Treasurers

The following were successful in passing the Part II examinations of the Association of Corporate Treasurers.

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Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend the Royal Concert at the Albert Hall at 7.15.

The Prince of Wales, as Paton of the Royal Society for Nature Conservation, will open the society's new headquarters at The Green, Witham Park, Lincoln, at 10.50; will open Lincoln magistrates' courts at 11.45; and will open the Lawn Complex and attend the English Historic Towns Forum at 12.45.

The Princess of Wales will visit Omerod School for physically handicapped children in Oxford at 11.20; will open the magnetic resonance imaging centre at the John Radcliffe Hospital at 12.10; will visit the St Ebbe's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Centre at 1.10; will open Vale House, the Botley Alzheimers Home, at 1.50; and will visit a Thames Valley police special interview suite in North Oxford at 2.35;

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the British Nutrition Foundation, will attend the annual luncheon and lecture at the Royal College of Physicians of London at 12.30; and, as Patron of the College of Occupational Therapists, will attend a presentation, reception and dinner at Buckingham Palace at 5.30.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Business and Technician Education Council, will attend the triennial awards ceremony at the Hippodrome Theatre, Birmingham, at noon.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, will visit the Yehudi Menuhin School, Cobham, Surrey, at 11.30; and, as Patron of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, will attend the Lantern ball at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 7.10.

Dinners

HM Government
The Hon Tim Sainsbury, Minister for Trade, presided at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Adrian Severin, Deputy Prime Minister of Rumania.

Royal College of Pathologists
Professor Peter Lachmann, President of the Royal College of Pathologists, and Dr Sylvia Lachmann were hosts at the annual dinner held last night at the Royal College of Physicians after the annual meeting and foundation lecture delivered by Professor E.M. Southern, Whitley professor of biochemistry at Oxford University. Among those present were:

Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, Professor Sir Peter and Lady Swinnerton-Dyer, Sir Christopher Booth, Sir Donald Acheson, Sir Arnold and Lady Burgen, Professor Sir Hans Kornberg, Sir David and Lady Innes Williams, Dame Rosemary Rue, Professor Sir Dillwyn Williams and Dr Olwen Williams, Dr S Brenner, CH, Dr and Mrs J O M C Craig, Mr and Mrs T A H English, Professor and Mrs M Rosen, Professor E M Southern, Dr and Mrs D Slattery, Major-General and Mrs A J Shaw, Air Marshal and Mrs N H Mills, Mr D K Nichol, Mr B Edwards, Dr and Mrs S Carne, Professor and Mrs P M Biggs, Dr and Mrs D Chadwick, Dr and Mrs P O Williams and Mr and Mrs D de Peyer.

British Atlantic Committee
Mr Nigel Broomfield was the guest speaker at the annual dinner of the British Atlantic Committee held last night at the Royal Over-Seas League. Mr John Lipscomb presided.

Reception

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Scotland, was host at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government last night at Bute House, Edinburgh, for the Faculty of Advocates.

OBITUARIES

ADOLF RUDNICKI

Adolf Rudnicki, Polish writer and diarist, died in Warsaw on November 14 aged 78. He was born in Zabno, Warsaw, on February 19, 1912.

THE MUCH translated writer Adolf Rudnicki, once described as the "Jeremiah of the Warsaw Ghetto" was one of the most individual voices of modern Poland. He was not universally liked, for he was a bitterly sarcastic writer who never much heeded others' opinion of him; but it is safe to say that he was universally respected. He is best known for his depiction of the sufferings of Polish Jewry in a series of acerb and uncompromising short stories, such as those in the selection translated as *Ascent To Heaven* (1951) and in *Zywe i martwe morze* (1952), translated into English as *The Dead and The Living Sea* in 1957. As a Jewish writer Rudnicki is not the equal of, and is not now as highly regarded as, Bruno Schulz who was murdered by a Nazi in 1942. But for all that he was much more than a mere chronicler.

He first shocked his more conventional compatriots with the novel *Szczury* (1932) — *The Rats*. This was a candid first-person account of a young man in a drab town, who feels himself doomed, rather in the *fin de siècle* tradition of Knut Hamsun's *Mysteries*. His next novel, *Zolnierze* (1933) — *Soldiers*, is gleefully based on his experiences as a conscript. He wilfully irritated the establishment even more with this, for it does not treat the army as sacred, which the establishment then did. *Niekochana* (1936) — *The Unloved One* — is an acute psychological study of erotic passion, showing the influence of the French novel, but with an original emphasis on the sense of drabness which had characterised the author's youthful début. *Lato* (1938) — *Summer* — perhaps the most mature of his pre-war works, is an acrid account of life in a Polish artist's colony.

The post-war tales of often persecuted Jews in small provincial towns and in Warsaw made Rudnicki famous. Their essential theme is one of moral victory over circumstances, rather than the Nazi terror, which is recorded simply because no account could omit it. Many stories deal with Polish pre-war anti-semitism, which, although it was never the policy of the central government (a tenth of Poles were Jews), was severe, and further fanned by such Catholic fanatics as Roman Dmowski. In this sense Rudnicki can bear some comparison, not only with Schulz, but also with his great compatriot the Yiddish writer Isaac Bashevis Singer. *Kupiec lodzki* (1963) — *The Merchant of Lodz* — is typical.

But Rudnicki, who expressed himself better in the short story form than in that of the novel, was not content to repeat himself. From 1956, he invented and devoted himself to a new form: the highly personal *feuilleton*, first published in periodicals, but then collected into books. From these, *Niebieskie kartki* (*Blue Pages*), as he called them — there are several volumes of them — one can learn perhaps more about the problems of modern Poland, and about its personalities and books, than from any other comparable source.

The assertion has often been made that Rudnicki was in essence a memoirist who barely fictionalised his material. But this judgement misses his inventiveness, artistry, and powers of selection: all qualities evident in the *Blue Pages*, one man's memorable commentary on life in a tragic country.

FRED DALY

Fred Daly, first Irish winner of the Open golf championship and an outstanding exponent of matchplay, died on November 18 at his Belfast home aged 79. He was born on October 11, 1911.

FRED Daly's strength lay in the relentless pursuit of a single opponent in matchplay. But there was also a consistency in his game which brought him victory in the 1947 Open and a place in the top four of that event for four of the next five years. For a time after the second world war his reputation was second only in this country to that of Henry Cotton. A rich brogue, a rolling gait, an individual style not uncommon among Irishmen of his time and a hail-fellow-well-met attitude to life left little doubt as to his native origin.

As a boy he caddied at Royal Portrush, a giant links for one who grew no taller than 5ft 8in. After a year apprenticed to the Mahee Island Club he took over as professional there when only 17. His successes up to the war were mostly confined to Northern Ireland but in 1946, after he had begun an attachment to Balmoral, the Belfast club, which was to last more than 40 years, he won the Irish Open and turned his attention to England.

In the final rounds of the 1947 Open at Hoylake he had the best of the weather, but Portrush had in any case taught him not to fear the wind, and he followed that success with victory in the matchplay championship, a rare double which he came close to repeating the following year when he retained his matchplay title and finished runner-up to Cotton in the Open. His third matchplay title came in 1952.

He had an engaging habit of whistling gently between his teeth as he played. This gave him a nonchalant air but that was soon dispelled on the green where, in addressing the putt, he would take anything up to a dozen sidelong glances at the hole until the spectators were ready to scream. The charm and debonair manner concealed a cool and determined temperament, and the method worked. Few holed more putts than he when it really mattered — for example one from 35 feet on the 72nd green in that one-stroke victory at Hoylake and another long one in winning a foursome in the 1953 Ryder Cup match. That was his fourth and last appearance against the United States, and his most successful for he trounced his singles opponent, T. Kroll. A landmark on the tournament side was his 63 which won him first prize at Mere in 1949.

He leaves a widow, Jean, and two sons.

SIR HUMPHREY GIBBS

Dr J. A. Megahey, rector of Peterhouse school, Zimbabwe, writes:

YOUR admirable obituary of Sir Humphrey Gibbs, while strong on the political and constitutional role which he occupied with distinction in most difficult times, perhaps neglected to emphasise what was in fact for him a far more satisfying role. This was one which he undertook while he was still a farmer in Matabeleland, later when he was governor — including the time of his incarceration in Government House — and throughout the first decade of Zimbabwe's independence. Indeed he was active in it up to a few weeks before his death.

That role was as patron and benefactor of the educational scene in Zimbabwe. He was involved very deeply in the affairs of, among others, two Anglican boarding schools in Mashonaland — Peterhouse and Ruzawi. This involvement underlined his deep commitment to young people, and to the Anglican church, of which he was a lifelong member and whose cathedral in Harare he was instrumental in bringing to completion. These schools, during the UDI years, were places of racial harmony and reconciliation.

What probably gave him more pleasure than anything else during the last ten years of his life and the first ten years of Zimbabwe's independence, was to see those schools flourish, and grow, and continue to promote the cause of non-racialism, as they had done with his support during the UDI years.

PHILIP POUNCEY

Philip Michael Rivers Pouncey, CBE, an authority on Italian paintings and drawings, died on November 12 aged 80. He was born on February 15, 1910.

PHILIP Pouncey had an unrivalled knowledge of Italian art from the early renaissance to the late baroque. A tireless pursuit of knowledge was the goal he shared with his wife and colleague Myril, with whom he amassed a photographic archive which has long been a model of information retrieved. Time and again his persistence paid off. His discovery in 1954 of a drawing by Lorenzo Lotto of the *Entombment* in the Louvre drew from Bernard Berenson (with whom he first corresponded in 1936) the compliment that Pouncey was "the best connoisseur I have ever met." The application of connoisseurship in the definition of an artist's oeuvre has been compared with the literary scholar's task in establishing a sound text: they are the indispensable prerequisites for a proper assessment of individual attainment.

Pouncey was educated at Marlborough and Queen's College, Cambridge, where he read English as there was then no degree course in art history. He worked for some time as a volunteer at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, inscribing with such accuracy the details from the backs of the paintings that the then keeper of paintings, J. W. Goodison said: "You did not make a mistake; it should be mentioned in your obituary." He was persuaded by Sir Sydney Cockerell, then director, to apply for a vacant assistant-keepership at the National Gallery, under the directorship of Kenneth Clark and he worked there from 1934 to 1945. At the beginning of the last war his duties involved supervision of the pictures that had been removed to the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth, along with the drawings from the British Museum Printroom and the Royal Library at Windsor.

In 1941 he returned to London to supervise the National Gallery, living in the cellars for a year, and then joined the government code and cypher school at Bletchley Park, where his analytical abilities led him to be the first to decode the telegram from Rommel to Hitler announcing that the Germans were losing the war in the desert.

After the war he transferred to the British Museum and collaborated with A. E. Popham on the *Catalogue of Italian Drawings in the British Museum, XIV-XV Centuries* (1950). He was a regular contributor of brilliantly concise articles to the *Burlington Magazine* on whose editorial board he was from 1952. He was a trustee of the Burlington Magazine Foundation from 1986. Further publications included two more catalogues of the British Museum's Italian drawings, each in collaboration with J. A. Gere: *Raphael and his circle* in 1962 and *Italian artists working in Rome circa 1550-circa 1640* in 1983. This last is of fundamental importance in establishing the artistic personalities and giving biographical details of artists whose work had been subsumed into the oeuvre of more famous artists. Amongst these was an artist whom Pouncey had already established in 1958 as the author of a large group of drawings, and had given the provisional label "pseudo Bernardo Castello." In 1967 the connection of a drawing in Berlin of a *Kneeling man*, there attributed to Domenichino, with the main figure in the altarpiece of the *Baptism of Constantine* in S. Silvestro al Quirinale, Rome, led to the artist's identification with Avanzino Nucci. Pouncey's *Lotto disegnatore* published in 1965 treated of an artist as close to his heart as he had been to that of Berenson. The print rooms of Europe and America are full of drawings with annotations on their mounts in Pouncey's hand giving new attributions.

He was visiting professor at Columbia University, New York in 1958 and at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University in 1965. On his resignation from his post as deputy keeper of prints and drawings at the British Museum in 1966 he became a director of Sotheby's and later a consultant to them. He was made honorary keeper of Italian drawings at the Fitzwilliam Museum in 1973.

In Edinburgh Keith Andrews, the keeper of drawings at the National Gallery of Scotland, showed him an anonymous drawing of *Angels lamenting the dead Christ*, which Pouncey immediately stated was by the Veronese artist, Felice Brusasorci. Somewhat to Andrews's scepticism he added that it must have been for a painting on slate. Four years later the painting for which the drawing was preparatory was discovered in the gallery at Eger in Hungary, duly signed by Brusasorci and, sure enough, painted on slate.

He leaves a widow, Myril, and twin daughters.

Award for religious coverage

By Nicholas Watt

LORD Coggan, honorary president of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ) and a former Archbishop of Canterbury, yesterday presented Simon Jenkins, editor of *The Times*, with an ICCJ interfaith medallion in recognition of the newspaper's outstanding coverage of religious affairs.

Lord Coggan, a *Times* reader since his student days, said the paper's religious reporting was at the heart of its reputation.

He spoke of the dangers of anti-semitism rearing its ugly head in the newly liberated countries of eastern Europe and said the price of freedom was for people to be vigilant. The work of the ICCJ, Lord Coggan added, is that of a vigilante army.

Mr Jenkins said that covering religious affairs was a notoriously sensitive matter and that all points of view, including odious ones, had to be reported.

Archaeology

When Charles I played Real Tennis at Oriel

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A REAL Tennis court in which Charles I is reputed to have played during the Civil War has been uncovered in Oxford. It was floored with heavy clay quarry tiles, but may well have been open to the sky, according to Brian Durham, of the Oxford Archaeological Unit.

The court was built in Oriel College, and "Charles I whiled away his time playing there while he was cooped up in Oxford during the Civil War siege", Mr Durham reports in *Current Archaeology*. More recently the court has been used for storage, and the excavations precede its conversion into a lecture theatre with rooms above.

Real Tennis, the precursor of today's lawn tennis, is played in a closed court with a "penthouse" along one side, a "dedans" at one end, a sagging net and a peculiar and complex set of rules. Shakespeare's *Henry V* has a splendid punning speech by Hal invoking the vocabulary of the game, when he receives the Dauphin's derisive gift of a box of tennis balls, and Hampton Court has the earliest Real Tennis court in England.

The Oxford court was built by the mid-seventeenth century, over Elizabeth yards. A mortar floor was laid down, later patched with tiles. A floor of heavy, nine-inch quarry tiles may be the surface on which Charles I played, Mr Durham says. By the end of the century this had been replaced by York stone paving, which in places retains the black painted lines of the complex scoring system, and the court had been roofed over by 1675.

In another Oxford College, Magdalen, the archaeological unit has uncovered remains of the medieval Hospital of St John the Baptist, one of the richest institutions in the city until it was suppressed in 1457 and the college founded in its buildings. It seems to have been built around a huge quadrangle, with the chapel under the present porter's lodge on the south-west and the infirmary on the south-east on land reclaimed from the banks of the Cherwell.

The old college kitchen proved to have been a thirteenth-century open hall; "the sort of accommodation needed for the Warden or the King's Almoner", Mr Durham says. Much of it still survives, buried more than a metre deep in the demolition rubble of the hospital.

Source: *Current Archaeology* 121:28-33.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev John V Andrews, Rector, Seaton Ross group of parishes, diocese York: to be also Rural Dean of South Wold (for one year), same diocese.
The Rev Philip Brew, Assistant Curate, (NSM) Emmanuel, Holcombe, diocese Manchester: to be Team Vicar, St Elizabeth's, Horwich, same diocese.
The Rev Linda J Butler, Deacon, Burbage cum Aston Flamville, diocese Leicester: to be Assistant Chaplain, Leicester Royal Infirmary, same diocese.
The Rev David F Chantry, Resident Minister, Badger (held in plurality with Beckbury and Ryton), Kemberton with Sutton Maddock and Stockton, diocese Lichfield: to be Priest-in-charge, same parishes.
The Rev Michael J R Counsell, Religious Consultant to Inter-Church Travel Ltd: to be Vicar, St Augustine, Forest Hill, Honour Oak Park, diocese Southwark.
The Rev Michael Daggett, Assistant Curate, St George, Tyldesley, diocese Manchester: to be Vicar, Holy Rood, Swinton, same diocese.
The Rev Paul M Davies, Rector, Leven with Catwick, diocese York: to be also Rural Dean of North Holderness (for one year) same diocese.
The Rev Roger C Davies, Rector, Claydon and Barham, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be Rector, Lavant, diocese Chichester.
The Rev Norman Dawson, Rector, St Paul, Withington, diocese Manchester: to be also Area Dean of Withington, same diocese.
The Rev John S Downey, Vicar, St Gabriel, Bishopwearmouth, diocese Durham: to be Vicar, Christ Church, New Malden, diocese Southwark.
The Rev Gerald Downing, Vice-Principal, Northern Ordination Course, diocese Manchester: to be Vicar, St Simon and St Jude, Bolton, same diocese.
The Rev George W Dunseth, Curate, St John's Wimborne, diocese Salisbury: to be Vicar, Thurnby cum Stoughton, diocese Leicester.
The Rev Graham R J Force-Jones, Team Rector, Upper Kennet team, diocese Salisbury: to be also Rural Dean of Marlborough, same diocese.
The Rev Margaret (Meg) J Guillebaud, Deacon, Carlton Colville w Mutford and Rushmere, diocese Norwich: to be Deacon, Rodbourne Cheney team, Swindon, diocese Bristol.
The Rev Janet Hall, Parish Deacon, Christ Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, diocese Manchester: to be Chaplain at Salford College of Technology, and Parish Deacon, St Luke's, Weaste, same diocese.
The Rev Richard Huband, Rector, Aspley Guise, with Ridgmont and Husborne Crawley, diocese St Albans: to be Vicar, Elstow, same diocese.
The Rev Cannon David W M Jennings, Vicar, Romford, St Edward, diocese Chelmsford: to be re-appointed Rural Dean of Havering for a further term, same diocese.
The Rev G Stuart Johnson, Chaplain to Horton Hospital, Epsom, diocese Guildford: to be District Chaplain to Brighton Health Authority and Bishop's Adviser on Health and Healing, diocese Chichester.
The Rev Ronald M Lowrie, Priest-in-charge, Westwood and Wingfield, diocese Salisbury: to be Rector, same parish.
The Rev Susan Moth, Assistant Curate, St John the Evangelist, Churchdown with Innsworth, diocese St Albans: to be a member of the staff of the Dunstable team, same diocese.
The Rev Dr Lawson C J Nagel, Team Vicar in the Horsham team, diocese Chichester: to be Vicar, Aldwick, same diocese.

The Rev Paul V Noble, Priest-in-charge, Avening with Cherington, diocese Gloucester: to be Rector, The Suttons with Tydd, diocese Lincoln.
The Rev Barry R Oake, Team Vicar, Warlingham with Chelsham and Farleigh, diocese Southwark: to be Rector, North and South Wootton, diocese Norwich.
The Rev Brian Pearson, Research Officer to the Bishop of Bath and Wells and Diocesan Communications Officer, diocese Bath and Wells: to be (Acting) Diocesan Missioner, same diocese.
The Rev Abert Radcliffe, Rector, St Michael and All Angels, Ashton-under-Lyne, and Area Dean of Ashton, diocese Manchester: to be Residentiary Canon of Manchester Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev John W Richardson, Curate, Goring-by-Sea, diocese Chichester: to be Team Vicar in the Aldrington team, same diocese.
The Rev David Sceats, Board of Ministry Training Officer, and Priest-in-charge, Colton, diocese Lichfield: to be Director of Local Ministry Development, and joint Warden of Readers, same diocese.
The Rev Barry J Simmons, Anglican Chaplain in Luxembourg, diocese Europe: to be Vicar, Shoreham, diocese Rochester.
The Rev Peter Smith, Vicar, St Chad, Burton, diocese Lichfield: to be Priest-in-charge, Berwick with Selmeston and Alciston, diocese Chichester.
The Rev John M Stride, Rector, Hockering, Honingham, Tuddenham East and Tuddenham North, diocese Norwich: to be Vicar, St Paul's, Tuckswood, same diocese.
The Rev Maurice A Strike, Assistant Curate, Chippenham St Andrew with Tytherton Lucas, diocese Bristol: to be Rector, Corfe Castle, Church Knowle, Kimmeridge and Steeple with Tyneham, diocese Salisbury.

Birthdays today

Mr M.C. Alexander, writer, 70; Mr Denis Allport, former chairman, Metal Box, 68; Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, 64; the Hon Hugh Astor, 70; Mr Alistair Cooke, journalist and broadcaster, 82; Brigadier B.T.V. Cowey, former rugby player, 79; Mr R.M. Francis, former curator, the Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 43; Sir Alan Goodison, director, Wates Foundation, 64; Miss Dulcie Gray, actress and authoress, 70; Mr Aubrey Jones, former MP, 79; Sir Rex Niven, former colonial administrator, 92; Sir David Price, MP, 66; Mr A.M. Rees, former chief constable, Denbighshire and Staffordshire, 78; Professor Sir Austin Robinson, economist, 93; Sir Reginald Sharpe, QC, 92; Sir Edgar Williams, former pro-vice-chancellor, Oxford University, 78; Mr Wilfred Wooller, cricketer and rugby player, 78.

Lincoln's Inn

Mr Justice Blofeld to be a bencher of Lincoln's Inn, from November 9.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Chatterton, the 'boy poet', Bristol, 1752; Sir Wilfred Laurier, prime minister of Canada 1896-1911, Saint-Lin, Quebec, 1841; Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield, Missouri, 1889.

DEATHS: Sir Christopher Hatton, lord chancellor, 1587-91, London, 1591; Caroline of Ansbach, consort of George II, London, 1737; John Rushworth Jellicoe, 1st Earl Jellicoe, admiral of the fleet, London, 1935; Francisco Franco, dictator of Spain 1939-75, Madrid, 1975.

The marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Westminster Abbey, 1947.

Middlesex Polytechnic

RCN President-elect, Middlesex Polytechnic's Professor June Clark, considers commitment to nursing education in 1990s, at 5 pm today at polytechnic, Queensway, Enfield. Ring 081-368 1299 extension 3409 for tickets.

Royal College of General Practitioners

At the first meeting of the 1990/91 Council of the College on *Saturday, November 17*, 1990, at Kensington Town Hall, the following new Officers of Council were elected: Chairman of Council, Dr Colin Waine; Vice-Chairman, Dr John Noakes; Deputy Vice-Chairman, Dr Richard Maxwell.

The following were re-elected: Honorary Secretary, Dr Mollie McBride; Honorary Treasurer, Dr Richard Horne.

At the Annual General Meeting preceding the Council meeting, Dr Stuart Carne was re-elected for a third year as President.

Inner Temple

Judge Verney, Mr Henry Koorpel, QC, and Mr Keith Topley have been elected masters of the bench of the Inner Temple.

Appointments

Mr John Vaux, an Assistant Solicitor in the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to be promoted to Principal Assistant Solicitor and appointed Legal Adviser to *the Cabinet Office European* Secretariat, from November 26, in place of Mr Timothy Pratt, who will continue as Deputy Treasury Solicitor.

Mr David Hogg to be Head of Litigation, Treasury Solicitor's Department, in succession to Mr John Wilkinson, who retired on November 2.

Mr Robert Ricks to be Legal Adviser to the Department of Education and Science, in succession to Mr John Coleman, who retired on November 12.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr John Bower, President of the British Veterinary Association, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs M. Radcliff presided.

Memorial service

Mrs Leopold Lonsdale
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by Sir Martin Gilliat and Princess Margaret by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn at a memorial service for Mrs Leopold Lonsdale held yesterday in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy.

The Rev John Robson officiated. Mr Norman Lonsdale, son, read the lesson and Mr James Lonsdale, grandson, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland.

Caesar to retire

Canon Anthony Caesar, Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal, Deputy Clerk of the Closet, Sub-Almoner and Domestic Chaplain to the Queen, is to retire next July, Buckingham Palace announced yesterday.

He will be succeeded by the Rev William Booth, a Priest in Ordinary to the Queen.

White Ensign Association

At The White Ensign Association's Annual General Meeting held at National Westminster Tower on Thursday, November 15, 1990, Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse was appointed Chairman of the Association, succeeding Sir Derrick Holden-Brown.

First director

Mrs Janice Webster, a Scottish solicitor, has been appointed the first full-time director of the Council of the Bars and Law Societies of the European Community, the representative body for the legal professions in the EC.

Mr Piet Wackie Eysten, of Rotterdam, has been appointed president for 1991, Senor Hose Manuel Coelho Ribeiro, of Lisbon, first vice-president, and Mr John Toulmin, QC, second vice-president.

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THE CASE FOR THATCHER

The Conservative party has not ejected its leader from the office of prime minister since Neville Chamberlain. For Margaret Thatcher to be so ejected this evening would be astounding. She has never lost an election, she is in command of her health and her senses, she is still seen as a leading world statesman abroad. It would rank even higher in the catalogue of political ingratitude than Churchill's 1945 election defeat, for Churchill was rejected by his opponents, not his erstwhile supporters.

Mrs Thatcher is now in the fourth year of her third administration. Unlike those previously accused of splitting the party, such as Peel or Joseph Chamberlain, she has not radically departed from her last election mandate. Resignations from her cabinet have been no more frequent than departures during the 1951-64 Tory ascendancy. The cabinet today is as united as most, and of respectable calibre. Mrs Thatcher is trailing in the opinion polls and her personal rating is poor. But the country is in recession. The polls have been worse than this before, and she has recovered to win.

So what cause is there for panic? The reselection of a party leader each parliamentary session is a sensible moment for support or dissension to be expressed. The power of a leader when prime minister is overwhelming. Her control of parliament through the patronage system and the whips is unequalled in any democracy. That the leadership should be on annual leasehold from the parliamentary party is constitutionally correct. The parliamentary party is the electoral college that must deliver support for the government. It should have a mechanism for changing the head of that government without the bloodletting of a vote of no confidence in the House. Besides, a vote of no confidence would be against a whole government, whereas what is now at stake is an individual leader.

Mr Heseltine has correctly detected an exasperation within the party with aspects of Mrs Thatcher's leadership. Some complaints are directly political, including that she has misjudged the mood of the country towards Europe at a critical juncture in its history and that her poll tax is unfair as well as unpopular. Behind these accusations is a fear that the slump in Tory electoral support is too deep to be recoverable, that Mrs Thatcher is now the critical liability in the fight against Neil Kinnock's Labour party.

The charges have been put and must be answered — the wretched performance of Mrs Thatcher's campaign managers this past week has damaged her cause and could yet prove that it is leaders who lose elections, not challengers who win them. Yet on policy, Mrs Thatcher's approach to Europe has not changed since the last election. She has joined the exchange-rate mechanism (conceding the point to cabinet collectivity) and battled for a more open market both in 1992 and under the Gatt round. She tried to direct the chaotic Rome summit towards the urgent trade issues facing Europe, but was railroaded by the Italians, French and Germans, who wanted to evade such nasty questions out of isolationist self-interest. Many of her European colleagues privately sympathised with her honesty. For Sir Geoffrey Howe to resign against her, when she was pleading for European co-operation on agriculture and the Gatt round, was astonishing.

On other policies, the spoils are more evenly divided. Mrs Thatcher ill-judges Mr Heseltine as wishing to take Britain back to the industrial policies of the 1970s. He is no socialist, no corporatist planner and no enemy of private enterprise. His industrial strategies may be a touch naive. His love affair with the great cartels of Japan and Germany may stick in a free marketeer's craw. But his partnerships for urban renewal and public-sector procurement have validity as much today as when he first proposed them. With the state answerable for 40 per cent of the national product, government intervention can hardly be denied any role in enterprise or wealth creation.

Mr Heseltine's most damaging charge has been against the poll tax. He is right that this tax is the single most stupid act of the present government. His weakness — and it is a core weakness — is that he has shown neither intellectual rigour nor political courage in showing his colleagues a way out. To its credit, the Labour party has done so, proposing a return to a property-based tax. Had Mr Heseltine proposed a local income tax or a local sales tax, he might have deserved some applause. Instead, he has offered the old placebos, "make the tax reflect ability to pay . . . take some of education out of local spending". This is old-hat and will not do. Property is the sensible basis for local taxation in Britain, as it was when Mr Heseltine was at the environment department. Why is it not so now?

Most curious of all, neither Mr Heseltine nor any other of Mrs Thatcher's other critics has laid at her door the one charge to which she is deeply vulnerable, that she allowed inflation to take hold again after the 1987 election. The reason is that her critics were as much to blame as she. Apart from Mr Heseltine they were in office, goading her to peg the pound to the Deutschmark by cutting interest rates. Then might have been an honourable moment for Sir Geoffrey Howe to resign — protesting that Mr Lawson was undoing his good work at the Treasury — and for Mr Heseltine to mount his challenge. But adherence to the latest nostrum out of Brussels was more important to them all than holding back inflation. They did not resign. They waited until their policy had led to predictable disaster (predicted widely in the press and elsewhere). They turned on Mrs Thatcher only when the resulting unpopularity made her vulnerable. Her bitterness at the timing of their resignations is fair.

Yet politics has never been about fairness any more than it is about gratitude. Mrs Thatcher has herself handed out the cup of bitterness often enough to know this. She is best defended not retrospectively but prospectively. She has a counter-inflation strategy back in place under John Major. The community charge, deplorable though it is, is being mitigated by throwing taxpayers' money about. The two great domestic reforms, to the education and health services (neither of which featured in recent resignations) are settling down. There is no reason from past experience why Conservative fortunes should not improve steadily over the coming year. The Heseltine platform is simply not sufficient justification for a change of leader.

Which leaves the famous clash of style. Every leader long in office is accused of aloofness: Lloyd George, Churchill, Macmillan, Wilson. The history of Downing Street is of kitchen cabinets, cabals, courtiers, insiders. Mrs Thatcher's exotic triumvirate of Charles Powell, Bernard Ingham and Sir Robin Butler could do with a change. But there have been tighter, and certainly more pernicious, cliques in the past.

Mrs Thatcher is tough, belligerent, insensitive and often difficult. So are most strong leaders. These features could yet prove electorally attractive. They are not new features of her personality. Sir Geoffrey Howe and Messrs Lawson and Heseltine knew what they were taking on when they entered her well-heated kitchen. As for Mr Heseltine, anybody who thinks that he would turn Downing Street into a feather bed of compromise and deference to majority view does not know the man.

One day Mrs Thatcher will have to go, but that day is not yet. She must draw lessons from this trauma. She must rely more on the wisdom of such colleagues as Douglas Hurd and John Major, on whose support her survival will have depended. They are her most plausible successors. Tory MPs who cast a vote for her must be persuaded that they are voting for the triumvirate as a whole.

For the time being, Mrs Thatcher remains a valuable corrective to the tendency of British politics towards the spendthrift and the comfortable. She talks not of the past — sure sign of a fading leader — but of the future, of how much is still to be done to reform institutions, stop backtracking, push on with change. Her radicalism may now be tinged with realism, but it survives. She retains conviction when most are swamped by circumstance. Her experience and world reputation are an asset to Britain and the West at a time of great upheaval beyond Western Europe. She can still win the Tories an election. She does not deserve decapitation tonight.

EQUAL RETIREMENT

The pension and retirement law in Britain is mightily confused. The muddle has not been clarified by the test case which has obliged Barclays Bank to reinstate 12 women employees and to give them back-pay. The tribunal upheld their right to stay at work until 65, as male employees may. But the right to retire is one thing. What really matters is the pension that goes with it.

Equal retirement age for men and women is already required by law. But their pension entitlement depends on their contribution record, and these entitlements are not so easily made equal. For most employees it is pensionable age, the point at which they have an alternative source of income, that matters. Equalising pension rights between men and women will be a slow and expensive process, for men and women will have been treated differently on the contributions they make throughout their careers.

The Barclays case has demonstrated that it is unlawful to force women to retire from work at a different age from men even if they have become entitled to claim a pension at 60. This has been the law in Britain since 1987, and sensible employers are already responding to it. However, the Barclays case shows that it has not invariably been applied. Just how many acts of discrimination, now found to be illegal, have so far escaped correction cannot be calculated with certainty. The highest estimates, however, put the total cost to British employers, if every unlawfully-retired woman sued successfully for back-pay and if as a result there was complete equalisation of pension rights, at £3 billions.

However, backpay is not the central issue. That is the disparity between pensionable and retirement ages. It causes great uncertainty and confusion for people approaching retirement who are trying to work out the best plan for their old age. The confusion, in turn, provides guaranteed work for lawyers. A few employees work for companies which have offered employees of both sexes the option of retiring at 60 or staying on until they are 65. They can, if they take the latter option, continue to contribute to their pension. This is how things should be.

There is growing pressure on the government to legislate over time for a more logical, and coherent approach to the whole issue. Unfortunately for logic and coherence, it is a pressure which governments have shown themselves endlessly capable of resisting. It was exactly 50 years ago, in 1940, that the pensionable ages for men and women were made different. Since then, the sheer cost of equalising rights on retirement has frightened off successive governments.

As a result, employers in Britain are having to come to terms with the morass of legislation and case-law which applies in this area. Employees remain confused. Governments balk at the cost of change. Yet clearly, change ought to come. At some point, a brave government must bring pensionable and retirement ages into line.

It need not happen overnight. The disruption of such a radical social change could be considerably eased by introducing it over a long period, perhaps a decade. That does not fit in with most governments' electoral cycles. But then neither do pension and retirement lifecycles. Until ministers take a deep breath and embark on legislation to offer equal rights to pensions as well as equal rights to retire, muddle and uncertainty, as exemplified by the Barclays case, will continue to prevail.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Implications of the Tory challenge

From Lord Joseph, CH

Sir, Michael Heseltine and his counter-revolution hanker for the soft options of the 1960s. For us, the market economy is no more but no less than the necessary basis for rising living standards and for a society which can afford to exercise compassion.

Some of the changes Margaret Thatcher has effected will be permanent — such as perhaps the greater realism of the Labour party: some aims she has not yet achieved: and some achievements would be jeopardised if she went.

There is still no substitute for her insights and her moral courage.

Yours faithfully,
KEITH JOSEPH,
House of Lords.
November 19.

From Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Clwyd North West (Conservative)

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky's article "Economic consequences of Mr Heseltine" (November 19) should more properly have been entitled "Political views of Mr Ken Baker".

Having sought to discredit, on political grounds, Mr Heseltine's view that the poll tax has to be phased out, and that the UK could well learn a lesson from other more successful economies such as Japan and Germany in the role of government in promoting industrial advance, he then does an about-turn and attacks him because he wants an independent Bank of England which would not be prone to manipulate interest rates for electoral purposes.

Mr Kaletsky needs to decide whether his hostility to Mr Heseltine is based on economic or on political grounds.

I am, etc.,
ANTHONY MEYER,
House of Commons.
November 19.

From Lord Young of Graffham

Sir, In politics gratitude is often defined as the anticipation of favours yet to come. Even then, I find it odd that *The Sunday Times*, the principal beneficiary of the government's trade union legislation, should now discard the prime minister in favour of one of the few corporatists left.

Yours ever,
YOUNG,
House of Lords.
November 19.

From Mr Peter Jay

Sir, Current analysis of the Conservative leadership contest may be overlooking the constitutional cards in the hands of a sitting prime minister. The only precedent for transfer of the prime ministership by formal vote of the majority party's members of parliament was Lord Callaghan's succession to Lord Wilson in 1976; and on that occasion the sitting prime minister was a fully consenting — indeed initiating — party to the process.

Suppose for the sake of argument that someone other than the present prime minister is elected leader of the Conservative party as a result of the present balloting process. It is widely, but wrongly, assumed that in the event Mrs Thatcher would be obliged immediately to resign as prime minister and that the Queen would automatically then send for the newly elected leader and commission him/her to form a new administration.

It is not necessarily so. The incumbent would have the unquestionable right, if she chose, to meet parliament. She would then have to seek a vote of confidence. This would doubtless cause some *Schadenfreude* for the parliamentary Labour party. But suppose that, none the less, she lost that vote of confidence and exercised her constitutional right to advise the head of state to dissolve parliament.

Certainly, her Majesty would be entitled to refuse a dissolution on the grounds that there was a ready-made majority in the Commons available under the leadership of the newly elected leader of the Conservative party. None the less, the sovereign's decision is likely to be governed by the most basic of unwritten rules of our constitution, namely that she should follow the path of less controversy for the monarchy. To refuse an incumbent prime minister a dissolution, 3½ years after the last general election, might be controversial. To grant it could not be criticised.

Accordingly, the incumbent prime minister has a powerful card to play, especially with those incumbent members of marginal constituencies for whom an election before Christmas may be a more daunting prospect than fighting an election some time before the summer of 1992 under their present leadership.

At the very least the public should not be misled about the potentialities of the present situation by inaccurate fifth-form civics fallacies about the British constitution. The election of a new leader of the incumbent party imposes no obligation on the incumbent prime minister to resign forthwith; and the present incumbent may not be one of those who believe that it is better to have played the game than to have won.

Yours,
PETER JAY,
The Garrick Club,
Garrick Street, WC2.
November 19.

From Sir John Carter

Sir, The leadership election created by Mr Heseltine and his supporters attempts to suggest to the Conservative party's MPs and supporters that the government's previous and present policies on a range of matters, particularly in regard to Europe and the economy, are ones that cannot be relied upon to ensure victory at the next general election.

His criticism that members of the cabinet and the government are seriously divided implies that they neither have the political understanding to deal with the responsibilities of their office effectively, or they lack the courage to make their real views known. This I find both insulting to them and the electorate they represent. The grass-root support of our party also requires great commitment and I believe that his views demean their work.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN CARTER (Chairman, Conservative Party East of England Industrial Council, 1983-7),
Cobblers, Mill Road,
Stock, Nr Ingatestone, Essex.
November 16.

From Mr Philip H. Home

Sir, How is it that choice is a good thing for anything and everything but competition for Mrs Thatcher's own job is treachery?

Yours faithfully,
P. H. HOME,
Fern Dene, 6 Levens Way,
Silverdale, Carnforth,
Lancashire.
November 15.

Sovereignty and the Community

From Mr Nevil Johnson

Sir, It is easy to assert that the principle of subsidiarity "ought to be acceptable to all except the Eurofanatics" (leading article, November 14). But the crucial issue is what subsidiarity means or could mean. It is not good enough to say that it is the principle "whereby decisions are taken at the lowest level that is practically effective". Who decides what tasks are best carried out at one level rather than another? Who determines what represents "the lowest level"? Who resolves what "practically effective" means?

The truth is that the principle of subsidiarity is inherently obscure. It expresses first and foremost the affirmation of a principle, something like "as much decentralisation as possible, only as much centralisation as necessary". But it remains exceedingly difficult to translate this principle into the concrete terms of powers, functions and institutions.

However, if one tries to do this, then one quickly discovers that one is beginning to draft a constitution for a decentralised and probably a federal state: powers are being defined and allocated to different levels.

Regardless of whether one welcomes the prospect of the Community evolving towards a form of federation or not, surely this exercise would have therapeutic value. It would help to promote a clearer understanding of where we might be going if those who advocate subsidiarity made a more serious effort to define the concept and its possible applications.

The constitutional options both for the Community as a whole and for member states individually would then become clearer; we might even find definitions which could be used at some stage by the European Court to restrain the Commission's tendency to assume that it is entitled to regulate almost anything if this is deemed to be necessary in the interests of harmonisation and closer integration of the economies of the member states.

As it is at the moment, much of the debate about national sovereignty and the future evolution of the Community cannot get beyond slogans and rhetoric.

Yours faithfully,
NEVIL JOHNSON,
Nuffield College, Oxford.
November 16.

From Mr John Parr

Sir, As a former official of the Secretariat of the Council of Ministers who has sat through many meetings of foreign and transport ministers, as well as countless interminable discussions at officials' level, it has always seemed to me that the argument as to whether membership of the Community results in a loss or a sharing of sovereignty misses the point. The reality is that by sharing sovereignty, we add to our own, not detract from it.

News of agreement on a package of agricultural subsidy cuts (report, November 7) provides a case in point: any contribution that the UK alone could have made to the GATT negotiations would not have begun to match that which will now be made by the Community.

Nor, *pace* Sir Peter Smithers (November 7), does the Community have a bad record, at least in recent times, in "developing intergovernmental institutions of broader geographical range", as I know from my own personal involvement in the renegotiation of the Lomé Convention with over 60 developing countries in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

If this is true for sovereignty in the world outside the Community, it is also the case internally. I can remember a number of occasions on which a decision could have been taken by qualified majority but where the issue was never put to the vote because those member states who would have been on the winning side knew that once they had railroaded through a decision opposed by perhaps only one member state, they would have set a precedent that might be used against them at some future date. Always, in time, a compromise solution was reached which all could accept and justify to their electorates at home.

It seems to me inconceivable that the situation would be any different when decisions came to be taken by a Community central bank, on whose board each member state would have its own representative — and to the extent that our freedom of manoeuvre were limited by decisions of the bank, I very much doubt that we would have any more freedom in practice if we stayed outside.

The Foreign Secretary was quite right to tell us to stop treating the Europeans as ogres.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN PARR
(Honorary director,
General Secretariat,
Council of the
European Communities),
43 Atalanta Street,
Fulham, SW6.
November 8.

VAT and buildings

From Mr Alan Bemrose

Sir, Your correspondents, Mark Wiltshire and others (November 12), are right to draw attention to the difficulties caused by VAT in addition to the complicated problems of the repair and re-use of listed buildings in which this trust is principally involved. However, the attitude of Customs and Excise to projects which qualify for zero-rating (i.e., the VAT paid may be reclaimed) seems to be designed deliberately to hinder our operations and increase our costs significantly.

This trust has recently started a major project of repair and restoration of a large group of listed terraced houses in Hanover Square, Bradford. We are advised that these properties, which are contracted to be sold on completion to members of the local Pathan community, qualify in zero-rating on both the eligible grounds. The cost of alterations will be more than 60 per cent of the total and the buildings are roofless and windowless. In many cases much of the internal walls have fallen and the internal floors are missing.

The trust is paying VAT on the professional fees of its architects, quantity surveyors and structural engineers, which it is reclaiming and may receive, but four to five months after payment, if the claims are agreed. VAT on the contractors' accounts is substantial and although the trust has complied with the affidavits required to allow these accounts to be paid without VAT, it now appears that this not abnormal arrangement is to be withdrawn.

Customs and Excise have been advised that a decision is not to be given before the end of the project, in a year's time.

The effect, Sir, on the cash-flow is immense. The project costs total £2.5 million, before grants from English Heritage, Bradford Council and the urban aid programme. By the finish the trust will have paid over £350,000 in VAT unnecessarily. The project is being funded largely by borrowed capital and while a significant amount is being provided at a very low rate of interest by the Architectural Heritage Fund, the balance carries the full commercial rate.

The trust recognizes that its projects are not in the usual experience of Customs and Excise, but as the rules allow the repayment or suspension of VAT in qualifying projects, then refusal to assist further compounds what is, anyway, a highly complex but worthwhile restoration scheme.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BEMROSE
(Chief Executive, British Historic Buildings Trust),
1 Greenhill,
Wirksworth, Derbyshire.
November 13.

Letters 'by fax'

From Mr Ian Franklin

Sir, I am very pleased to be able to communicate with you by means of our letter-transmitting machine to your "fax number". Our machine, of renowned international make, calls itself a "telecopier". Being good exporting Europeans, we used this description on our company letterhead.

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Are we using a telecopier number, a fax number or simply a fax? Are we transmitting by facsimile, or as one letterhead recently told me, by facs? Can any of your readers help?

Yours (by fax?),
IAN FRANKLIN
(Marketing Director),
Winslow Press,
Telford Road,
Bicester, Oxfordshire.
November 8.

Cartoon gallery

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury

Sir, H. M. Bateman's call for a "National Gallery of Humorous Art" has not been entirely neglected as your report (November 8) of the Cartoon Art Trust's initiative might imply. In 1975 this university founded a cartoon archive which has now assembled more than 70,000 original drawings, most of them drawn for Fleet Street publications.

Exhibitions travel around the country, to London and abroad. Publishers, TV companies and the press send picture researchers to comb the catalogue. Scholars come to study particular cartoonists, or in search of source material on British views about anything from Ascot fashions to the annual Budget. Lecturers find cartoons attractive teaching aids. GCSE examiners pick examples for examinations.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID INGRAM,
University of Kent at Canterbury,
Canterbury, Kent.

Art in the bath

From Dr R. F. Bury

Sir, Mrs Anne Chambers observes (November 8) that a combination of warm water, paper boats made from *The Times*, and a two-year-old grandson leaves her bath "marbled in a delicate tracery of black". My 11-year-old son can achieve exactly the same effect without the help of newsprint.

Yours faithfully,
BOB BURY,
3 Elmete Avenue, Oakwood,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Fruitful errand

From Mr H. A. McAulay

Sir, Mr Morris's letter (November 12) and your cartoon of October 30 depicting youngsters during the war being shown how to identify a banana reminded me of my return from North Africa to the UK on HMS Adventure in 1943, bearing a half-stalk of bananas — a considerable number.

During the rail journey from King's Cross to Newcastle they were in a large string bag resting on the luggage rack. They were soon discovered and I guess every mother on that train brought their children to see them.

Needless to say I alighted in Newcastle with only a handful of bananas which were very quickly raffled, by my mother, for the Red Cross.

Sincerely,
H. A. McAULAY,
Captain's Lodgings,
Bamburgh Castle,
Northumberland.
November 14.

International adoption

From Baroness Faithfull and Mr Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North East (Conservative)

Sir, Your article on November 7 ("How far can we go to adopt?") highlighted the lack of help for couples wishing to adopt from abroad. As a result, a growing number of children are being brought into this country without adequate preparation.

The desperate plight of Romanian orphans is now well-known, but the EC is still denying official aid to the Romanian regime. Some of our local authorities' social services departments are still failing to help would-be adoptive families. Unlike many other countries, we have no organisation to help couples with the formalities required both with the authorities here and in the country of the child's origin.

It must be in the interests of the child that proper procedures are followed, and the government is right to call for local authorities to take no more than six weeks to complete their enquiries. But in whose interests can it be if some local authorities do not cooperate, and couples then feel compelled after very long delays to bring their child into the country, presenting the Home Office with a fait accompli?

In the adjournment debate on October 29, health minister Virginia Bottomley confirmed that the government would welcome the involvement of one or more of the existing voluntary adoption agencies in setting up a particular service for inter-country adoption to "provide a safe, reliable and sympathetic source of preliminary advice for parents wanting to embark on that course", and so ensure that our response to these tragic circumstances safeguards the welfare of the children and enables public-spirited parents, who are properly equipped, to offer a long-term home to children who would otherwise have a distinctly bleak future.

There is an urgent need for confidence and trust to be developed between would-be adoptive couples and those with statutory responsibility for proper adoption procedures. We look forward to the setting up of a much-needed independent "help line" service as a first step, with support from voluntary adoption agencies, local authorities and central government.

Yours sincerely,
LUCY FAITHFULL (Chairman, all-party parliamentary group for children),
PETER THURNHAM (Vice Chairman),
16 Princess Street,
Bolton, Lancashire.
November 17.

Sent to try us

From Mr Peter Turner

Sir, Is there anything more exasperating than wiring a 13-amp plug?

Yours, under duress,
PETER TURNER,
Woodside,
Woodgreen,
Witney, Oxfordshire.

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Following a silk road in the Nineties

From furnishing fabrics to silk shirts, and cupboards to cardigans, the distinction between fashion and interior design is being blurred

If it was denim for the casual Seventies and linen for the tailored Eighties, washed silk — at once luxurious and practical — is the fabric for the realistic Nineties.

In Britain, we have seen so far only the down-market end of the look, in the wrinkled washed silk which swamped the shops last summer but somehow lost the essential characteristic of opulence. In America, L'Zinger International, creator of the Go Silk label, has established washed silk as a must-have fabric over the past few years, and far from sacrificing quality has actually managed to enhance it, creating — by a secret process involving washing with chemicals, pebbles and sand — what feels like a new material.

An irresistibly tactile fabric, it has the feel of a very fine chamois, and has the weight to hang and drape beautifully. Now Go Silk has consolidated its position in the market by signing up Timney Fowler, the British textile designers, to supply print designs for four shirt collections a year.

For Sue Timney and Grahame Fowler, who have built up their business together since leaving the Royal College of Art textile department in 1978, washed silk is the perfect medium for their intricate designs, until now largely confined to furnishing fabrics in black and white. "There's a subtle difference between ordinary printed silk and washed printed silk," Ms Timney says. "It has a timeless feel: it could almost be an antique fabric. And of course there's the utilitarian aspect, the fact that though it is a coloured print and silk, you can still wash it — even though the labels recommend dry cleaning."

The current collection, fast disappearing from Timney Fowler's King's Road window, jolts the senses of all those who still view Timney Fowler as black and white designers, renowned for their seminal work with classical heads and columns. Designs such as Navajo Colour, Byzantium and Rub Out Carpet are typical of the wide variety of cultural and architectural influences which fire their work. Rub Out Carpet is literally that — random images of old carpet partly erased — while the architectural ornamentation of Byzantium and the decorative American Indian symbols of Navajo are superbly disciplined on chequerboards of capricious colour combinations. The few monochrome designs are predictably selling best, but it would be sad if customer intransigence dampened the spirit of such original colourists.

The shirts — priced from £125 — are sized up for men and women, and in the States sell equally to both. Here they are selling more to women, the classic big shape being ideally suited to the current vogue for leggings. But the shirts almost transcend fashion and become desirable objects of design in their own right. Timney Fowler is a unique company in this sense, able to bridge the world of fashion and interior design without weakening in either. With such a distinctive and intelligent style, the two partners seem to run on a track all their own, independent of the rest of the fashion world. "It's not that we are in total ignorance of what is going on in fashion," Ms Timney says; "it's rather that we run parallel to it. Like music or any of the arts, when you reach a certain level you attract a following that gives you the confidence to go on developing your own style."

They have designed prints for such leading fashion names as Issey Miyake, Martex, Rifat Ozbek and Marks & Spencer. Their reputation and output in America and Japan are huge, and growing fast in Europe: yet in Britain, they remain the *designers' designers*. "Yes, we would have hoped by now to have had in a leading department store the sort of Timney Fowler boutique we have in Japan," admits Ms Timney with characteristic resignation. "It just reflects on the way things are run in this country. There are vague talks, but nobody will ever quite commit themselves, whereas in Japan they are willing to take risks. Nobody here even takes the first step — and then they wonder why things aren't moving in retail and the economy."

DINAH HALL

● *The Go Silk collection is at Timney Fowler, 388 King's Road, Chelsea, London SW3 (071-352 2263) and Browns, South Molton Street, London W1 (071-491 7833).*

Ancient and modern: right, Timney Fowler's Colonnade design on a washed silk shirt by Go Silk, £200

Fashion frontiersman: Mark Wilkinson, with matching cardigan, buckle and cabinet

Is that a kitchen you are wearing?

FASHION-conscious cooks can now have wardrobes to match their kitchens, thanks to the designer Mark Wilkinson. He is offering wool cardigans for men and women, available to order in the same tones as his turquoise, ochre and rust Santa Fe kitchen, and fastened with clasps which match its silver hinges and handles.

Next spring, the cardigan (made up by Hidgi Design, of Calne, Wiltshire) will be joined by belts and boots with similarly styled buckles and clasps.

"We see things in such a blinkered way these days," Mr Wilkinson says. "Fashion has always related to furniture. Egyptian, Celtic and Gothic architectural designs were reflected in clothing and jewellery. Only quite recently have we started to see literature, architecture and fashion as separate and distinct."

Mr Wilkinson's kitchen offers a sense of comfort that is easy to live with, and is as soundly constructed as might be expected from a fifth generation cabinet-maker. At the same time it is the capricious creation of a man who built himself a tree house in which to work, equipping it with running water, mains electricity and Gothic leaded windows.

The Santa Fe look is not meant to be confined to kitchens. Most of the free-standing furniture — dressers, sideboards, chests of drawers, tables and chairs — would suit any room in the house, and adaptations of the basic designs can include wardrobes, beds and headboards.

The arched cooker canopy is in the style of a rising sun; so is the bed headboard. A Navajo-style feather head-dress design appears on the backs of chairs and is repeated around the door architraves. A hand-carved eagle "breast-plate" adorns a food cupboard and wardrobe, emulating the bird images decorating Hispanic pottery. Less derivative is the "bullet" carving on dressers and chests of drawers which belongs, in Mr Wilkinson's terminology, to the "Jesse James school of architecture".

The kitchen hanging rack is stepped like a ladder, which is said to be symbolic of spiritual ascension, while the traditional bindings which hold the ladders together are reinterpreted as the diamond, criss-cross webbing of the cardigan.

Mr Wilkinson's designs have been inspired by more than the frontier spirit. "I am a great admirer of Ralph Lauren," he says. "He is always half a step ahead of his nearest rival. Designing fashion and furniture is all to do with creating dreams. But the clever thing is to create a dream that people can take home."

NICOLE SWENGLEY

● *Santa Fe kitchen, bedroom and living room furniture is available to order from Mark Wilkinson Furniture, Overton House, High Street, Bromham, near Chippenham, Wiltshire SN15 2BA (0380 850004). Also from Mark Wilkinson showrooms at 126 Holland Park Avenue, London NW11 (071-727 5814); 13 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts (0727 40975); 4 High Street, Maidenhead, Berks (0628 777622).*

Politics on the front line of fashion

Should our politicians be dressed to kill when they are visiting the troops?

VISITING the troops in the front line can be tricky, sartorially speaking, for a politician wishing to hit just the right note with the men and women preparing themselves for war. Should you go the whole way, and adopt the combat look: flak jacket, army boots, camouflaged socks? Or, by way of admitting that a soldier is a soldier and a politician a politician, stick to the suit?

James Baker, the American secretary of state, normally noted for his navy blue suits and bright red ties, turned up to address GIs in Saudi Arabia wearing designer desert gear: sand-coloured slacks with matching short-sleeved shirt. But no hat and no sunglasses.

Winston Churchill often wore a dark blue, one-piece zip suit during the war years. But it is not the sort of off-the-peg uniform in which any self-respecting minister would be seen today, particularly in the Saudi Arabian desert. Margaret Thatcher has been spotted wearing something military only twice, having donned a combat jacket in Northern Ireland in 1979, and, later, a tank driver's helmet in Germany.

The last four British defence secretaries, Sir John Nott, Michael Heseltine, George Younger and the present incumbent, Tom King, have adopted different styles when mingling with the troops. Mr King returned last week from a three-day trip to the Gulf which included a session in the desert among the crews of Challenger tanks. Unlike Mr Heseltine, famous for visiting the Greenham Common cruise missile base in a combat jacket when he was defence secretary in 1985, Mr King prefers to steer clear of military attire. In Saudi Arabia, he opted for simple blue slacks and open-neck shirt. However, he did agree to wear a floppy camouflage hat, bearing the Desert Rats badge.

One of Mr King's aides said: "He is rather reluctant to go all the way. If he is in the field, during an army exercise on Salisbury Plain, for example, he may be persuaded to put on appropriate military kit, but on the whole he likes to stay looking like a civilian." Mr King has been known, however, to produce the occasional gem during foreign trips. While reviewing the British soldiers in Namibia he wore a fisherman's large straw hat, to the astonishment of his entourage.

Mr Heseltine has never flinched from wearing army issue uniform. On visits to the British Army of the Rhine, he tended to go for khaki combat trousers and a long-sleeved shirt, with his name emblazoned on the shirt pocket. George Younger, his immediate successor as defence secretary and a former Sutherland Highlander, looked quite at home in combat jacket. But he had one idiosyncrasy. He liked army berets. Soon after becoming defence secretary, Mr Younger went to Norway to see the Royal Marine commandos engaged in arctic warfare training and raised a few eyebrows by wearing a beret from the Territorial Army section of the Royal Corps of Transport, with which he had close connections. On a visit to Northern Ireland, he donned a beret of the Ulster Defence Regiment. The defence ministry decided to give him a beret with a crest of the Defence Council (an august ministry body), which he wore on subsequent trips.

President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has no compunction about wearing full army gear, although he has never had any military training. On a recent visit to his front line he sported his usual khaki with a black beret and a revolver strapped to his right side — a military accessory not available to British political figures.

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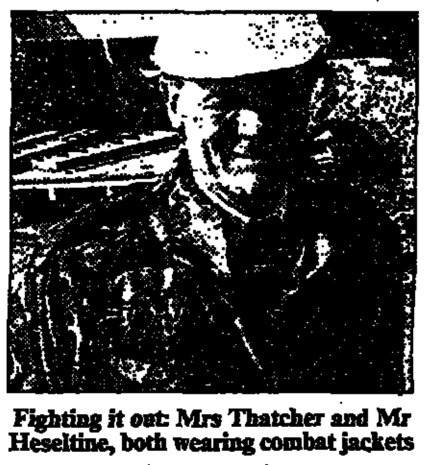

***Fighting it out*: Mrs Thatcher and Mr Heseltine, both wearing combat jackets**

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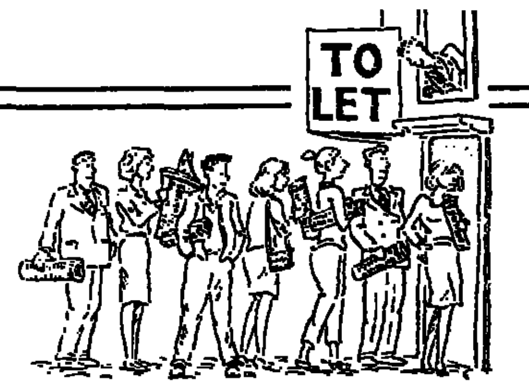

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BIRTHS

BRINSTOCKE - On October 13th, in New York City, to David and Nancy (née Cenek), a daughter, Sophie Lela.

BUFFERY - On November 13th 1990, to Ann (née Morrill) and Charles, a daughter, Mattie Elizabeth.

BULL-ANDERSON - On November 16th 1990, to Amanda (née Jenkman) and Andrew, a son, Charles Alec Christopher.

CHAPMAN - On November 8th, to Marie (née Semper) and Ian, a daughter (Natalya Alexa Campbell), a little sister for Gabriel and Sabrina.

CHESTER-MASTER - On November 7th to Anthea and Francis, a daughter, Alice.

COOPER - On November 17th, at The Portland Hospital, to Marie and David, a daughter, Claudia Phoebe Francesca.

CROWLEY - On Sunday November 18th, to Denise and John, a son, Joseph.

GUILLY - On November 14th, at the West London Hospital, to Suzanna and Patrick, a daughter, Sativa Faye.

ELEK - On November 18th, to Caroline (née Delevinge) and Tom, a son, a brother for Edwina, Flora and Charles.

FEW - On November 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Amanda (née Evans) and William, a daughter, Clementine, a sister for Eloise.

GUILLAUME - On November 3rd, to Fiona (née Beaston) and Jean-Jacques, a son, Thomas.

HALES - On November 16th, at Melton Mowbray, to Jane (née Ash) and Daniel, a son, Timothy (Tim) James, a brother to Simon.

HANKLEN - On November 16th, to Kate (née Hayden) and Nicholas, a daughter, Eleanor Rose.

HARGREAVES - On November 18th, to Susan "Marie" (née Williams) and Kevin, a son, Harry.

HICKS - On November 15th, to Vanessa (née Fenver) and Simon, a son, Oliver Thornton.

HOOKER - On November 13th, to Gillian (née Dussek) and Jonathan, a son, William Lawrence, a brother for Thomas.

JACKSON - see Kay.

KAY - On November 16th, to Alexandra (née Jackson) and Philip, a son, Arthur, a brother for Matilda.

LITTLE - On November 18th, to Richard and Angie, a son, Carlton.

LOCKHART - On November 19th, to Katherine (née McDowall) and John, a son, Charles William Alexander.

LUCAS - On November 13th 1990, to Carole (née Fleming) and Neil, a son, James, a brother for Edward and Emma.

MEAD - On November 9th, at The Portland Hospital, Steve and Sherrie became the proud parents of a baby daughter.

MORGAN - On November 18th, to Susan (née Bather) and James, another son, George Andrew.

PRYNNE - On November 6th, to Catriona and Andrew, a daughter, Natasha Sally.

ROGERS - On November 16th, to Barbara (née Carter) and Stephen, a daughter, Charlotte Rose.

ROPER - On November 16th 1990, to Annabylle (née Reynolds) and Simon, a daughter, Francis Anne, a sister for William and Daniel.

SCHOENHERR - On November 14th, to Nicola and James, a son, Alexander James.

SELLICK - On November 12th 1990, to Joanna (née Garin) and Martyn, a son, James Alexander, a brother for Sophie.

SPINNEFETT - On November 16th, to Jessica (née Stuart) and Roger, a daughter, Helen Phoebe, a sister to Peter.

STERNER - On November 16th to Cathy (née Haviland) and Paul, a daughter, Lucy Imogen, a sister for Hannah.

THOMPSON - On November 18th, at St Mary's Hospital, Melton Mowbray, to Elspeth (née Watts) and David, a daughter.

TURNBULL - On November 16th, to Judy (née Mason) and Charles, a son, Andrew.

WALKER - On November 11th 1990, to Mary (née Linden-Kelly) and Terry, a son, Jake, a brother for Spike.

WRIGHT - On November 16th 1990, at The Rose, Cambridge, to Lynda (née Sharp) and Colin, a daughter, Hannah Catherine Rutherford.

WOODALL - On November 19th, to Tricia (née Dunn) and Johnie, a daughter, Flavia.

WOOLCOTT - On November 17th 1990, in Namibia, to Janetta and Chris, Box 181, Ghanzi, Botswana, a son, Laurie Russell, a brother for Samantha and Hayley.

MARRIAGES

MURRAY:BATCHELOR - On Friday November 16th, quietly at St Albans Registry Office, Simon Ignatius to Teresa Josephine.

SILVER ANNIVERSARIES

RICHARDS Ubit Mansford and Cecelia (Née Henry), happy anniversary from Sonny, Nicola and Harrine.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

DUNCAN - Jock and Sheila, married November 20th 1950 in Khartoum Cathedral. Love and congratulations, David, Kirsty and Kate.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

McGUIRE:HEALD - On November 20th 1930, at Rangoon Cathedral, Burma, Robert Ely McGuire, Indian Civil Service, to Barbara, daughter of Sir Benjamin and Lady Heald.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On November 16th 1990, suddenly at Glencoe, Lower Common, Eversley, Ruth Mary Cotton, aged 76, dearly loved mother of Julia and Christopher and devoted grandmother. Funeral Service to be held at St Mary's Church, Eversley, Hampshire, on Friday November 23rd at 2.30 pm, followed by a private cremation.

BOONEY - On November 15th 1990, Ruby (née Deacon), formerly of Trinity Street, born Hinxford 1910. Requiem St Thomas's, Salisbury, at 1.10 pm on Thursday, November 22nd. Donations only to Salisbury Cathedral Spire Fund c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, SP1 1HL.

BRITTON - On November 14th, peacefully at The Royal Free Hospital, in London, Roberta Britton, aged 81. Wife of James Britton and mother of Colin and Alison. The funeral will be celebrated at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel) on Friday November 23rd at 11.20 am. Flowers may be sent to Leverton & Sons Ltd., 624 Finchley Road, London NW11.

BROWN - On November 16th, peacefully but suddenly after an illness very bravely borne, John. Very much loved husband of Jean, father of Zoë and Caroline and grandfather of Tosca, Tamsin, Melissa and Jack. Private funeral for family only. Thanksgiving Service to be held at 12 midday on December 10th at The Church of St Margaret The Queen, Buxted, Sussex. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished may be sent to The National Hospital Development Foundation, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

BURNSTONE - On November 15th 1990, peacefully, Wilfred, dearly mourned by his wife Gertrude, son, and daughter-in-law David and Teresa, grandchildren Jessica and Joshua and by his sister, brothers, family and friends.

BURTON - On November 16th 1990, peacefully in hospital, Eric Lionel, aged 85 years, of Bournemouth, Dorset, dearly loved husband of Kathleen and much loved father of Nigel and David, father-in-law of Pat and Jill and grandfather of Nicola, Antonia, Mark and Elizabeth. Funeral Service at the St Giles Church, Kilmington, Devon, on Friday November 23rd at 2 pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only please, donations if wished for Port Bredy Hospital Amenities Fund c/o A.J. Walsely & Sons, 7 North Street, Bearminster, Dorset.

CROFT - On Friday November 16th 1990, unexpectedly in his 81st year, Sir John Archibald Ratcliffe Croft, 5th Baronet, Major West Yorkshire Regiment (PWO) Retired. Devoted husband of Lucy (née Jupp) and loving father of Thomas. Funeral at Doddington Church, nr. Faversham, on November 26th 1990 at 11.30 am. Flowers to C.W. Lyons, 63 Oxford Street, Whitstable, or donations at his special request to RNLI 202 Lambeth Road, SE1 7JW. Enquiries to (0227) 272575.

CAMPBELL - On November 17th, peacefully at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Katherine Le Poilley Campbell, aged 80, formerly Hon. Sec. Shaw Welfare Association, wife of the late Professor Alistair Campbell, dearly loved mother of John, Neil and Colin and sister of Norah Blackmore. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Linton Road, Oxford, on Friday, November 23rd at 12 noon.

DAVIS - On November 18th, peacefully and with great courage, poor Hedgy Nicholas, dearly loved husband of Colette. Father to Sally, Claire, and Marie Stephanie of Caroline, Mark and Edward, and Grandfather of Rachel and Laura. Funeral Cavendish Crematorium November 21st at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations to Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed.

DAWSON - On November 17th 1990, peacefully at home at Bracklesham Bay, Leslie James (Peter), aged 82, dearly loved husband of Lilian, father of Nigel, James and John and grandfather of Ashley, Georgina, Richard and Nicholas. Funeral in the Lady Chapel at Chichester Cathedral on Thursday November 22nd at 3.45 pm, followed by cremation at Chichester Crematorium. No flowers, please. Donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Foundation, 28 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

ELLIOTT - On November 16th, peacefully at home, Thomas Johnson. Dearly loved husband of Joan and much loved father of Jane and grandfather of Charlotte and Oliver. Funeral Service at Altrincham Crematorium on Thursday November 22nd at 2 pm. No flowers, donations if desired to The Children's Society.

GARNER - On November 17th, Llewellyn Wynne, 60, after a valiant fight, husband of Marcy and father of Patrick and Daniel. Donations to Cancer Research please. Memorial later for all friends.

GEORGE - On November 17th 1990, peacefully in her sleep, Ethel Mary Elizabeth George, of Ellesmere House, Salop. Elizabeth Green, sister of Frieda Baker, of Beaconsfield, Bucks. Formerly teacher of history and music also at Richmond Lodge School, Belfast.

HALLWELL - On Friday November 16th, at home, Joy, aged 62, ex Senior Nursing Officer of the Royal Free Hospital, after a long illness. Cremation at Ethiam Crematorium on Friday November 23rd at 11.30 am. No flowers by request but donations to Seven Springs, Cheshire Home, Tunbridge Wells.

HARRISON - On November 16th, peacefully at Southlands Hospital, Eileen Norah Leigh (Gussie), aged 88. Widow of Cmdr. M.L. Harrison R.N. (retired). Devoted companion of the late Cmdr. V.E.R. Nicholson O.B.E., R.N. (retired) and much loved mother of Tony (deceased) and Nick. A loving grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Worthing Crematorium on Monday November 26th at 12 noon. No flowers by request, but if desired donations to 'SHRIMP', c/o Mrs Peggy Attwell (Treasurer), 54 Ring Road, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 0QE.

HEAD - On November 16th, peacefully in hospital, Leonora Alphonsine. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington High Street, on November 23rd at 12.30 pm. Enquiries to W.H. Buckle Funeral Director, tel: (071) 352-0963.

HEATON CAPPIN - On November 17th, peacefully in hospital, Doris Mercy, devoted wife of Rusty. Funeral at 2.30 pm, Friday November 23rd, in Monaco. Flowers to Albanese, 14 Rue Pasteur, Monaco.

HIRST - On November 16th, at home in Knaresborough, aged 92 years, Ethel Margaret Hirst M.B.E. Cremation private, no flowers please.

HUXTABLE - On November 16th, peacefully in Torbay Hospital, William John Fairchild, aged 78 years. Dear husband of Joan. Cremation private. Thanksgiving Service at The Avenue Church, Newton Abbot, on Friday November 23rd at 3 pm.

JAMES - On November 16th, in Cheltenham General Hospital, suddenly after an operation, David Howell James, of Moreton-in-Marsh, loved husband of Anne. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium at 12 noon on Friday, November 23rd. No flowers please, but donations if wished to Children in Need.

KINGSHOTT - On November 18th 1990, peacefully at West Wales General Hospital, Carmarthen, Alastair, dearly loved husband of Hilary, much loved father of Lauren, Fenella and Hamish and grandfather of Kate, James and Andrew. Cremation on Friday November 23rd at 12 noon, at Parc Gwyn Crematorium, Narberth. Dyfed. Family flowers only, donations if desired, to The British Heart Foundation. 'Kwabere Bwana Mkubwa'

KINNEAR - On November 17th 1990, peacefully at Wickham House, Wickham, Hampshire, Ruth Mabel (née Hunter) will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral St Nicholas Church, Wickham, Hampshire, Friday November 23rd 2.30. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research.

LAMB - On November 17th, Lucy A. (née Parr), beloved wife of Stuart, peacefully at St Wendy's Hospice after a brave fight against illness. Funeral Service for family and friends at St Mary's, Apuldram, on Friday November 23rd at 3.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only; donations if desired to St Wilfrid's Hospice, Chichester.

LEDGER - On November 16th 1990, peacefully at The Mountbatten Nursing Home, Taunton, Vera Jessie, F.S.A., aged 88 years, after silently suffering Parkinson's Disease for many years. Funeral at St George's Church, Wilton, Taunton, at 1pm on Thursday November 22nd. Any enquiries to Messrs E. White & Son Ltd., tel: (0823) 272185.

MALLARD - On Saturday November 17th, peacefully at Hampstead, John, aged 92 years. Husband of the late Mary Rose and devoted father of John Philip and Rosemary.

MARSHALL - On Saturday November 17th 1990, suddenly at home in Blackheath, Surrey, Dr. H.E.S. (Harry) Marshall M.C., F.R.C.Psych., beloved husband of Joice Joan. Funeral on Friday November 23rd at Blackheath Church at 11.30 am. No flowers, but donations please to The Acorn Trust c/o Stonemen Funerals, 1 Tower Down Court, Redhill, from whom further details may be obtained.

McEWEN - On Friday November 16th 1990, peacefully at Inchmarlo House, Banchory, Dr. Marjorie Bruce McEwen, late of St Andrew's University and King's College, London. Funeral Service at St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen, on Thursday November 22nd at 2 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. Family flowers only.

McPHAIL - On November 1st 1990, peacefully at Crieff Cottage Hospital, Perthshire, after a short illness, William Agnew, husband of Jean and father of Douglas, Lorna and Brian.

MILLS - On November 14th, suddenly but peacefully at home, Margaretta Mary, of Greystwood, Court House Farm, Surrey and late of N.I.L.P. and Mills & Nuttall. Funeral Service on Thursday November 22nd at 2 pm, All Saints Church, Graywood and followed at 3 pm at Guildford Crematorium. Will be much missed by family, many friends and colleagues. Family flowers but donations if wished to Relate (Marriage Guidance) c/o Luff & Partners, Green Cottage, Lion Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.

NEWNHAM - On November 17th, peacefully and suddenly in her sleep, Joyce Madeline. Much loved wife of Willie, till we meet again, miss you. Service on Monday November 26th at 4 pm at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers to E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill, Tunbridge Wells.

NEWTON - On November 14th, Marjorie, peacefully at The Moat Nursing Home, Leigh Sinton, Worcester, aged 76 years. Daughter of the late Mr & Mrs F. Newton, formerly of Kinson's Crematorium, Worcester. Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Friday November 23rd at 12.30 pm. Flowers to A.V. Band, 41 St Nicholas Street, Worcester.

NICHOLSON - On Sunday November 18th 1990, peacefully after a brief but trying illness, Alan Albert Nicholson, Assistant Chief Probation Officer for Berkshire. Funeral Service at Reading Crematorium on Monday November 26th at 2.30 pm. Donations if desired to The Alan Nicholson Memorial Fund c/o Berkshire Probation Service, 145 Friar Street, Reading, Berks. for The Sue Ryder Home and Macmillan Nurses. All enquiries please to Cyril H. Lovegrove, 3 School Road, Tilehurst, Reading, Berks. RG3 5AB tel: (0734) 452103.

O'CONNOR - On November 15th, peacefully after a short illness in Torrance, California, Daphne G. O'Connor, mother of Alex and Tina Galanis, daughter of the late Joseph and Jean. All messages or donations tel: 0732-351358.

OWENS - On November 17th 1990, peacefully at Dilden Purlieu, Elsie (née Smith), wife of Rolland, mother of John and Graham. Funeral 12 noon, Friday November 23rd, Lymington Parish Church. No flowers please, donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

PALMER - On November 16th, in a car accident in Holland. The Reverend Stephen Roundell. Funeral at The Parish Church, Blackmoor, Hampshire, on Saturday November 24th at noon.

PARSONS - On November 16th 1990, peacefully at his home in Holywell Green, Halifax, West Yorkshire, James Stoddart, the dearly loved husband of Winifred Mary and the dear father of Jane, Rachel, Janet, Diana and John. Service at Park Wood Crematorium, Elland, West Yorkshire, on Friday November 23rd at 3 pm. Friends please accept this the only intimation. Family flowers only, roses please.

PRESTON HILL - On November 19th, peacefully, Ellen Frances, beloved mother of David and John.

REED - On November 17th 1990, Vernon Thomas, aged 83. Much loved husband of the late Betty Anne and of June, loving father of the late Charles. Funeral Service and cremation, at Mortlake on Friday November 23rd at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only at his request, donations if desired to Cruse Bereavement Care, 126 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1UR or to Cat Death Research and Support, 38 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8QB.

ROYCE - On November 18th, suddenly at home, John Roger, dearly loved husband of Peggy and father of Jennifer, John and David. Funeral enquiries to 0208-31-2525. Family flowers only.

SHEPPARD - On November 18th, peacefully at Rusthaven, aged 90 years, Brigadier Osmond Sheppard. Funeral Service at Gloucester Crematorium on Monday November 26th 1990 at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations may be sent for Royal National Institute for the Blind c/o Lloyds Bank, Cirencester, Glos.

SMITH - On November 18th, Artine Mabel Fraret, peacefully at Howden, East Yorkshire, aged 88. Widow of Ernest Smith and much loved mother of Cora, Julian and Nigel. Private funeral.

SPENCER - On November 18th 1990, suddenly at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Martha (J.M.N.), beloved husband of Jessie, adored father of Jessica and Ben. Funeral on Friday November 23rd after 12.30 pm. Requiem Mass from St Catharine's Convent, Lauriston Gardens, Edinburgh, to Mount Vernon Cemetery, arriving there at 1.30 pm. Floral tributes welcome, but if preferred donations may be sent to the General Intensive Care Unit, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. R.I.P.

VERDON-ROE - On November 16th, Digby Everard, darling husband of Gwyneth and dear father of Philippa and Julia and grandfather of James, Georgina, Christina and Edward. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 10 am on Friday November 23rd. Donations, if desired, in aid of The Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, may be sent to Fredk. W. Paine, 6 Coombe Lane, Raynes Park, London SW20.

WATHERSTON - On Saturday November 17th, after a lasting illness borne with fortitude, Jack Greenshields Watherston, of Meadows, Jedburgh. Loved husband of Elliot and father of Dianna and Rachel. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Kelso, on Friday November 23rd at 2.15 pm. No flowers please, but if desired donations to The Parkinson's Disease Society, 36 Portland Place, London W1N 3DG.

WHITTALL - On November 16th 1990, Eleanor Ethel, aged 89. Formerly of Earls Court. Younger daughter of the late W.J.H. Whittall and of the late Caroline Whittall. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday November 27th at 12 noon. Family flowers only.

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Gorky's treasure rediscovered

THEATRE

Vassa Zheleznova
Gate, Notting Hill

THIS play is a real find. If Gorky had given it an easier title, such as *Winterfolk*, perhaps, or *Children of the Skinflint*, we should probably have seen it staged ages ago. Instead, he named it after the leading character, a ruthless millionairess running a vast shipping business on the Volga. Her family fling a variety of epithets her way – devil, heartless animal – but the clear-eyed daughter-in-law is the one who sees her for what she is: the archetypal capitalist boss.

Gorky wrote the play in 1910 and revised it 25 years later, a few months before his "assisted" death. In one sense, it is his last play, and the significant change between the two versions is the more coherent revolutionary fervour given to Rachel, the exiled daughter-in-law who returns illegally to claim her little son. The centrally-placed argument between Rachel and Vassa, who has hidden her grandson away to keep him safe to inherit the millions, presents a conflict between *Revolution and Greed* in boldly emotional and domestic terms.

Here is a struggle for the future of a family in which we are invited to read the battle for the future of a nation. Gorky's knowledge by 1935 that the Soviet future had gone hideously wrong may explain the play's curiously abrupt ending, where the family teeters on the precipice of ruin but the last sentence is an unanswered question. A re-think on the pacing just here would eliminate the feeling that someone has pulled the plug on the play.

The female roles are more individual than the male – even though we first meet Vassa's sottish husband about to be arrested for a crime unmentionable in other plays of the period, that of seducing little girls. Poison and bribery remove this embarrassing little difficulty. Vassa's brother is a fairly standard boozer and the other menfolk serve their function in the plot, but little more.

The women are something else. Where the elder daughter Natalya (Sarah Harper) is rotted with drink and resentment, the loopily immature younger one pleads for kindness and nibbles cherry cake: a good performance here by Kristin Hewson. Judy Sweeney lurks in dark corners and notes conversation down on her stenographer's pad, but the acting honours go to Lizzie McInnerny, delicately beautiful and unflinching as Rachel, and Paola Dionisotti's Vassa: sardonic, baleful, with sunken cheeks that make her look as if she is feeding upon herself from within.

Using a pleasant translation by Cathy Porter, Katie Mitchell's intelligent production of this forgotten treasure makes lovely use of light. She isolates a pale face against others fractionally darker; or balances one figure, Vassa entering profits in her ledger, against a tight group of all the other characters staring from a doorway. The Russian chants, strongly sung by the cast, are thrilling. Recommended.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TRISTRAM KENTON

Baleful: Paola Dionisotti in the title role of *Vassa Zheleznova*

THEATRE

The Witches of Pollok/ The Sweatshop
Tron/Tramway, Glasgow

GLASGOW'S 1990 cultural splash draws to a close with two pieces that could not be more different. Anne Downie's *The Witches of Pollok* is based on a true story of bewitchment in 17th-century Glasgow and Manact's *The Sweatlodge* is a piece of large-scale man-watching which attempts to understand half of humanity better. Though neither is wholly satisfactory, together they remind us of the range of theatre which 1990 has produced.

The Witches of Pollok is an intriguing piece of popular history. Written in theatrically effective, if historically inaccurate Scots, it has echoes of Miller's *The Crucible*, but sadly, Downie has eschewed sub-text and chosen not to probe deeply into the Presbyterian psyche. Instead she and Tron director Michael Boyd have created a rattling good ghost story for the theatre. To this end, much of the action is played in shadow, and great use made of the architecture of the theatre, which is a converted church. Nick McCall's lighting, Craig Armstrong's music and Rae Smith's design help to heighten the spine-chilling atmosphere. The witches have moments of great power, and there are two excellent performances from Irene Sunters, as a woman falsely accused of witchcraft, and Rosaleen Pelan as her accuser.

The Third Eye Centre's commissioning of the Cardiff-based theatre group Manact to produce *The Sweatlodge* is another success for their events organiser, Nikki Milican, who has been introducing Glasgow audiences to the wilder shores of performance possibilities for the last four years.

A programme note which recommends to humanity *The Sweatlodge* – a rites of passage sauna for adolescent American Indians – made one suspect the worst. However, the living sculptures, created by the performers and their directors, Phillip Mackenzie and Simon Thorne, proved irresistible. Whether or not their examination of men, their vanity and their relationships with each other and with their suits, says anything deep is more debatable. But the whole performance was very watchable and proved again that old theatrical adage that one cannot go wrong with 18 besuited men slow-waltzing to schmalz and backlit through smoke.

ALASDAIR CAMERON

WORLD MUSIC

Youssou N'Dour
Hammersmith Palais

YOUSSOU N'Dour has been described as the first World Music superstar; as meaningless titles go, this is hard to beat and offers the remarkable Senegalese vocalist little help with the difficult task of communicating his music to a non-African audience.

Television exposure from events such as the Nelson Mandela concert has certainly highlighted N'Dour but his music needs to be heard live, played by his full band, Super Etoile de Dakar, to be appreciated for its depth and complexity. It was refreshing to discover that these qualities remain undiminished despite lavish media attention and the new, perhaps confusing demands that exert themselves once the market changes from domestic to international.

The backbone of the music is formed by two percussionists who play Senegalese drums. The concert began by featuring the rubbery sounds of the tama, a small talking drum played with dazzling skill by Assane Thiam. The tama maintained a chattering presence through material drawn from the new album, *Set*, and previous releases such as *The Lion* and *Immigrés*. For songs which did not suffer from N'Dour's recent tendencies to write rock anthems, this jittery, restless drumming was like a series of electric shocks. On compositions from *The Lion* (N'Dour's attempt at a commercial album), however, the tama occasionally sounded like an unwelcome distraction.

In fact, it was the commercial songs that were the distraction. Their catchy choruses were less appealing than the convoluted themes and baffling rhythms of N'Dour's more familiar sound. Unlike much African music, this was a concert that changed direction at a hyperactive rate. If the dancers in the audience were sometimes rendered flat-footed by a peculiar change of direction or a wildly accelerating tempo, their compensation lay in the imaginative use of interlocking rhythms and unexpected textures.

Without the central, unifying element of N'Dour's vocals and his charisma, the excitement of this constant flux might have palled but, dependably, he was magnificent. He sang with an impressive variety of voices – high fluting sounds, rough growls and startling wails – yet technique was never allowed to supersede passion.

DAVID TOOP

RADIO

Down Your Way
Radio 4

THE original *Down Your Way* was, typically, a leisurely perambulation around the villages of Middle England, where yeomen and hayseeds and the occasional licensed eccentric were only too pleased to be interviewed about their work, their hobbies and their dwellings. Although they must have known that they were collaborating in one of the sustaining myths of the post-war years – you can see it still in old Gainsborough films – they seemed never to resent the programme's implicit paternalism. For while Franklin Engelmann or Brian Johnston may have vocalised the listener's interest in the stimulating range of activities at the new church hall, this simply masked a burning desire to inspect the residents' drains and ask if their children were getting enough vitamins.

More recently, in a more Woganised world, the presenter's shoes have been filled by "personalities" such as Nigel Kennedy (a violinist, but perhaps you knew). The current presenter is the playwright and song-writer Wally K. Daly, a relentlessly gregarious man with the voice of a failed Ken Dodd impersonator. This voice has endless public-bar gambits; it has a cheery word for everyone; it could anecdotalise the world. One felt little surprise when last Sunday's *Down Your Way* (Radio 4) revealed that Daly is matey with most of his neighbours in Margravine Gardens, London W6, and that he had organised a party to celebrate the street's centenary. At this party Daly sang some of his own compositions.

In his lapel-grabbing determination to magic the locality into an urban analogue of the village, the presenter disclosed that his own house is known as "Wally's Folly". One wondered who originated this jaunty appellation: might it have been the house's owner himself? But enough of this glib self-promotion. "Exactly opposite lives my chum, who is affectionately known to one and all as Gary the Vicar." To begin with, Gary – a sometime winner of a competition in the *Evening Standard* to find London's best preacher – sounded reasonable enough. He had long since given up the cloth to devote himself to business. But what manner of business? "Most of business is about people and people-skills," Gary explained, so his work consisted of "one-to-one coaching" of senior executives in "mind, body and spirit matters" – his approach was "holistic". Soon he was using the word "lifestyle".

Daly later introduced us to a "sickeningly good-natured" ticket-collector at Barons Court tube station and a retired "one-to-one relaxation therapist" who now tends injured pigeons in the pink house where Baroness Orczy wrote *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, but the programme had long since turned into a vast unspoken question that had nothing to do with topography. The question was this: had these people always been thus or had the presenter in his long and perky residence made them thus? Had they, in other words, been "Dalyed"? The playwright in him had toyed with the idea of fashioning the material into a soap opera, but had rejected it on grounds of improbability. I wonder. Next week: Middlesborough.

MARTIN CROPPER

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

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NEW RELEASES

♦ CRIMINAL LAW (18): Meretricious thriller about a smart attorney entangled in the case of a murderous psycopath. Neat performances (Gary Oldman, Kevin Bacon), but the script cramps the film's style. Director, Martin Campbell.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

DARKMAN (15): Liam Neeson as a disfigured scientist seeking revenge on the criminals responsible. Horror extravaganza from director Sam Raimi, enlivened by tongue-in-cheek wit, visual flamboyance and touches of pathos.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

THE ICICLE THIEF (PG): Greatly engaging comedy satirising Italian neo-realism and the screening of films on television. Written and directed by and starring, Maurizio Nichetti – an Italian comic hugely popular on his home turf.
Metro (071-437 0757).

♦ MADHOUSE (15): Heinously crude and unfunny comedy about the nightmare of visiting relatives. Shrill performances from John Larroquette and Kirstie Alley; crass direction by newcomer Tom Ropelewski.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

THE REFLECTING SKIN (18): Wildly pretentious Gothic fantasy from director Philip Ridley (writer of *The Krays*), set in the American Mid-West, with Lindsay Duncan as a persecuted widow.
Cannons: Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Gate (071-727 4043).

CURRENT

♦ AN ANGEL AT MY TABLE (15): Jane Campion's excellent film about the New Zealand writer Janet Frame.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ BETSY'S WEDDING (15): Alan Alda's uneven but engaging comedy about pre-marriage turmoil.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ BIRD ON A WIRE (12): Empty-headed chase movie, with only Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn's star power to pull us through.
Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

BULLSEYE! (15): Bullseye is exactly what director Michael Winner does not hit in this laborious comedy with Michael Caine and Roger Moore as a couple of conmen.
Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Allen's engrossing portrait of life's ironies and immoralities.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

♦ DIE HARD 2 – DIE HARDER (15): Action-packed but relentlessly silly sequel to an already absurd original.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ FLATLINERS (15): Kiefer Sutherland, Julia Roberts and Kevin Bacon as medical students probing the boundaries between death and life. Director, Joel Schumacher.

♦ THE FRESHMAN (PG): Quirky uneven spoof of *The Godfather* with Marlon Brando as the mobster who hires a New York film student (Matthew Broderick) as a delivery-boy.
Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

♦ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural thriller. Bizarre, incoherent, but absorbing while it lasts.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsese's gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's rise and fall. Ray Liotta is easily outgunned by the supporting players Joe Pesci, and Robert De Niro.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ THE HANDMAID'S TALE (18): Margaret Atwood's novel about a future society plagued by infertility; finely acted but unduly cold. With Natasha Richardson, Robert Duvall; director, Volker Schlöndorff.
Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905).

♦ HARDWARE (18): Thunderously outlandish British science-fiction thriller from a new director, Richard Stanley, set among the ruins of a nuclear holocaust.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

KORCZAK (PG): Andrzej Wajda's sobering, straightforward biography of Polish doctor Janusz Korczak who maintained his orphanages for Jewish children in the teeth of the Warsaw ghetto.
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♦ THE LITTLE MERMAID (U): Disney's much-touted version of Hans Christian Andersen's fantasy.
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LOVE AT LARGE (15): Alan Rudolph's delicious fleet-footed private eye spoof, with Tom Berenger as a rumpled detective sent on the trail of an errant lover.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

THE MAD MONKEY (18): Strange doings in Paris, with Jeff Goldblum as an American screenwriter and Miranda Richardson as his crippled agent. Ponderous psychological thriller. Director, Fernando Trueba.

Cannons: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

A MAN ESCAPED (U): Heartening revival of Robert Bresson's austere compelling film – first released in 1957 – based on the experiences of a French Resistance worker imprisoned by the Gestapo.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ MY BLUE HEAVEN (PG): Steve Martin as an incorrigible criminal placed under the wing of a stiff-necked FBI agent (Rick Moranis). Overstretched comedy.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ MEMPHIS BELLE (12): David Puttnam's fictional expansion of the war documentary about a US bomber crew's final mission. Convincing planes, fuzzy people. Director Michael Caton-Jones.
Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ MO' BETTER BLUES (15): Spike Lee's tale of a self-absorbed New York jazz player (Denzel Washington). The bustling atmosphere keeps the film lively.
Empire (071-497 9999).

THE MUSIC TEACHER (U): Belgian tale of a retired opera singer (José van Dam) training two new apprentices for a competition. Prettily mounted.
Minema (071-235 4225).

♦ NIKITA (18): Grandiose, empty thriller from French wonderboy Luc Besson about a punk drug fiend (Anne Parillaud) recruited by the government as a secret agent.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

♦ PRESUMED INNOCENT (15): Alan J. Pakula's riveting, thoughtful version of Scott Turow's bestseller. With Greta Scacchi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ ROBOCOP 2 (18): Nihilistic, slam-bang sequel to the 1987 epic about a cop reconstituted as an indestructible robot (Peter Weller). Entertaining special effects.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM (15): Would-be black comedy with Michael Caine as an aggrieved marketing man who extracts fatal revenge at work and home.
Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

♦ TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative ideas poke through this lavish fantasy about Arnold Schwarzenegger liberating Mars.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ WILD AT HEART (18): David Lynch's rollicking tale of psychotic evil and sexual passion. Starring Nicolas Cage.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

♦ YOUNG GUNS II – BLAZE OF GLORY (12): Emilio Estevez's "Billy the Kid" leads the bratpack in another glossy Western aimed at teenagers new to the genre. Not a patch on the older films it echoes.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Miller sorting out love, guilt and marriage. Bewitching performance by Josette Simon.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.15pm. Running time: 2hrs 55mins.

☐ BOOKENDS: Disappointingly empty tale of two literary blokes. Michael Hordern and Dinsdale Landen try to find some content.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 5mins.

◪ THE CRUCIBLE: Tom Wilkinson stands up for decency against a frantic Clare Holman and other Demons in a strongly cast production.
National (Olivier) (as above). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. Running time: 3hrs 30mins.

☐ ETTA JENKS: Miranda Richardson as the soiled heroine of American porn, strong play by gifted new writer, Marlane Meyer.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745/2554). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends December 15.

☐ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous, raunchy jazz musical packed with Louis Jordan songs "Is You Is or Is You Ain't?" and a whole lot more. Terrific.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310). Underground/BR: Stratford. Mon-Sat, 8pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins. Transfers to the West End on December 14.

◪ GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Carter in Ben Elton's greenish comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 8.30pm, mat Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

◪ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal, Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's thought-provoking play about family betrayals.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

◪ INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's witty mix of fairytales: grimmer than Grimm in the first half, turns stodgy thereafter.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9661). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 50mins.

◪ KEAN: Derek Jacobi in splendid form as the low-born actor with a lifelong identity problem.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 45mins. Ends Saturday.

☐ MACBETH: Roy Marsden and Polly Hemingway in cautious production by fights director Malcolm Ranson.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Underground: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 2pm, Sat, 3pm. Running time: 2hrs 35mins. Ends December 15.

☐ MISS JULIE: Powerful, subtle performances in Strindberg's drama of social climbing and sexual slumming.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). British Rail: Greenwich. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 35mins. Ends December 8.

☐ THE MYSTERY OF IRMA VEP: Spoof Gothic melodrama, ranging between the farcically funny and the feebly frantic with Nickolas Grace and Edward Hibbert.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs.

☐ ONCE IN A WHILE THE ODD THING HAPPENS: Benjamin Britten meets Peter Pears, a love story with music, able performances but not enough meat.
National (Cottesloe) (as left). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2.30pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends December 1.

☐ OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY: Paul Rogers, Maria Aitken, Martin Shaw as boss, lawyer and shark in entertaining Wall Street takeover drama, excellent at times.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. Ends December 1.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics in latest Ray Cooney farce, over-plotted, under-developed.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

■ PRIVATE LIVES: Keith Baxter, Joan Collins and Sara Crowe in Coward's comedy.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins.

◪ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's study of a callous seduction.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time: 2hrs 30mins.

☐ THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW: Raucous and wild (in the Upper Circle mainly), bold and bizarre, sometimes deafening, sometimes inaudible rock musical.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Thurs, 9pm, Fri, Sat, 7pm and 9.15pm. Running time: 1hr 30mins.

☐ ROUGH CROSSING: Stoppard's sprightlier version of Molnar's ocean-liner light comedy, trimmer than the National production a while back, and good for a laugh.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Tues-Sun, 8pm, mats Sat, Sun, 3.30pm. Running time: 2hrs. Ends December 2.

☐ TO: The bustle of Lancashire pub life unevenly caught by Jim Cartwright's role-swapping cast of two.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3pm. Running time: 1hr 35mins. Ends December 22.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◪ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ Man of the Moment: Globe (071-437 3667) . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: (postal bookings only) Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: (postal bookings only) Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) ◪ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ■ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Violinist Itzhak Perlman will play two violin concertos: Tchaikovsky's popular Violin Concerto in D and a lesser known one by Israeli Ben-Haim, a leading composer in his homeland. Zubin Mehta conducts.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

LA BAYADERE: Natalia Makarova's delightful production of the 19th-century Russian ballet with its camp mix of sexual passion, jealousy and betrayal. Some dazzling dancing guaranteed from Bruce Sansom, Darcey Bussell and Viviana Durante.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

THE CITY OF LONDON ANTIQUES & FINE ART FAIR: Collectors and home furnishers will note that the autumn antiques fair opens today, with authoritative seminars and restoration workshops. The special attraction this year is a selection of Stradivarius instruments.
Barbican Exhibition Halls, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (information: 081-441 8940).

GEORGE CABLES: New York pianist and Blakey sideman, now a much respected figure in his own right, gives three performances.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London N1 (071-729 2476), 8.30pm.

LITERARY: Booker Prize-winner Penelope Fitzgerald reads from her latest novel, *The Gate of Angels*, a story built around the life of a Cambridge University scientist.
Voice Box, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

THE KOSH: The physical theatre company returns to London with its show *Endangered Species*: a daring mix of dance, cabaret, acrobatics, theatre and music, performed by physical theatre experts Sian Williams and Mark Hopkins.
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 3647), 8pm. For two weeks.

WORD-WATCHING

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GYNAIKOPOINARIAN
(b) Woman-punishing, from the Greek *gunē* a woman + *poinē* a punishment: "I shall kick open the gates – stands aside! – and loose the gynaikopoinarian dogs, for a woman always respects a word she cannot spell."

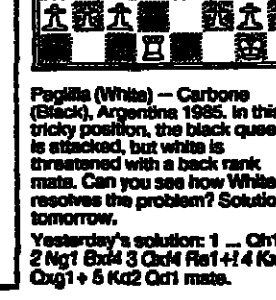
SAJOU
(c) A capuchin monkey, from the Tupi *sai* monkey + *-assu* an augmentative suffix: "The third is the sajou, distinguished from the rest of the sapajous by its yellowish, flesh-coloured face."

GARUM
(b) A sauce prepared from fermented fish, much used by the ancient Romans, from the Greek *garon*: "The famous pickle of the ancients, called garum, was made from the gills and blood of the tunny." The recipe has been lost, but it does not sound as much fun as HP sauce.

SHADDOCK
(b) An Oriental citrus fruit like a very large orange, especially the larger pear-shaped variety, distinguished from the finer grapefruit, also the tree that bears it, introduced to the West Indies c. 1700 by Captain Shaddock.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



Pagilla (White) – Carbone (Black), Argentina 1985. In this tricky position, the black queen is attacked, but white is threatened with a back rank mate. Can you see how White resolves the problem? Solution tomorrow.

Yesterday's solution: 1 ... Qh1+ 2 Ng1 Bxf4 3 Qxf4 Re1+! 4 Kxe1 Qxg1+ 5 Kd2 Qd1 mate.

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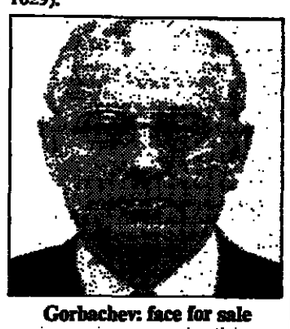
BRIEFING

Hello and goodbye

MORE upheaval at the Leicester Haymarket. Last Tuesday, the board of directors announced that it had appointed David Elliott (English National Opera's finance director) as the theatre's new chief executive. Three days later, Elliott withdrew from the post "for personal reasons". If he had taken up the offer, one of Elliott's first tasks would have been to help find a new artistic director to fill the void caused when Peter Lichtenfels departed in February. While the search for a new artistic director and chief executive goes on, Chris Ellis has been appointed acting theatre director for the next 12 months.

Know that face?

FANCY a signed photograph of Margaret Thatcher as a bonny-faced 18-year-old? Or Chancellor Helmut Kohl at the age of six, sitting on a horse? If so, take your cheque-book to Christie's tonight for a charity auction of signed photographs of the famous. Presidents Mitterrand, Gorbachev and Bush have also delved into their family photograph albums. The auction will raise money for the charity Fight Leukaemia: tickets for the auction are £15 (071-589 1629).



Gorbachev: face for sale

Don't miss . . .

WOMEN may have broken into the once exclusive male preserve of the major symphony orchestras (except, of course, at the Vienna Philharmonic). But apparently there is still work to do. From Thursday, the organisation Women in Music stages its 1990 festival around London. Between then and December 10, more than 400 performers will be involved at over 30 venues, playing everything from rap to new age to acid house to classical. One highlight will be the London debut (at St Pancras Church on December 9) of the newly formed European Women's Orchestra. Odaline de la Martinez, who was the first woman to conduct at the Proms back in 1984 (and who is at present writing a book on the thorny subject of why women have not featured more prominently in musical history), will direct this concert.

Last chance . . .

EXIT *Kean* with a conquering smile. There are only five more days in which to confirm that the intellectually daunting Jean-Paul Sartre can write a fun play and that Derek Jacobi, himself a major actor, has the energy and invention to play a great one. *Kean* has run for almost four months at the Old Vic (071-928 7616). That is not necessarily because of its existential reverberations, but because of the romantic knots in which the rakish 19th-century tragedian is shown hilariously tying himself.

THEATRE

Overtures for beginners, please

Blockbuster musicals dominate the West End, but Jim Hiley argues that we are neglecting the creators of the next generation of shows

Apprentice dramatists are supported by a profusion of awards and bursaries, and a network of small companies dedicated to experimental writing. No such infrastructure exists, however, to encourage would-be makers of musicals. Yet the chance to refine their craft is as vital to composers and lyricists as to their counterparts in spoken drama. The musical is a hazardous form, whose collaborative procedures are notoriously difficult to master.

The musical can also be exceptionally rewarding, both aesthetically and commercially. Theatrical innovators from Bertolt Brecht to Stephen Sondheim have recognised that songs need not merely embellish a text, but can add multiple layers of meaning and emotion.

At the same time, audiences are potentially greater than for any other brand of theatre, and so are the box-office dividends. The impresario Cameron Mackintosh and the composer/producer Andrew Lloyd Webber are each said to be worth upwards of £60 million. But, despite their worldwide successes and the consequent benefits to HM Treasury, the British persist in neglecting tyro talents.

Until recently, the chief hope for newcomers lay in a single annual competition, the Vivian Ellis Prize, which was set up by the Performing Right Society to celebrate the veteran composer's 80th birthday. Few of the successful entries have been given a full professional production.

This year, however, several fresh initiatives have offered public exposure to the Lloyd Webbers of tomorrow. In August, four shows were staged at the Theatre Royal, Plymouth, after months of specialist workshops. In September, a competition called "Quest for New Musicals" was launched by the songwriter and performer Richard Stilgoe. Eight winners will be produced at the Buxton Opera House in 1992. Since the project was launched, no fewer than 500 musicals have been submitted.

Earlier, the authors of a further eight new shows attended masterclasses at Oxford given by Stephen Sondheim, the first holder of the visiting professorship endowed by Cameron Mackintosh. Mackintosh has also donated £400,000 to help the university build a studio theatre, where he will mount the work of two of the composer/lyricist teams tutored by Sondheim. He has also promised £1 million over the next ten years to subsidise revivals of vintage musicals by the National Theatre. Both he and the National's executive director, Genista McIntosh, hope that the ensuing profits can be ploughed back to foster incipient talent.

Mackintosh's determination to improve the status and standard of musicals goes beyond flamboyant gestures. Every year, he studies around 200 cassette tapes or manuscripts sent by unknowns. About ten per cent might be worth encouraging. In many cases, he will summon the authors, handing out advice and, often, money.

Few such contacts result in a finished show. But Mackintosh's long-term investment policy has paid off in the case of George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, who began collaborating while at Exeter University. *Just So*, their adaptation of stories by Kipling, opens this week at the Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn, with a West End transfer possible later. The show won the first Vivian Ellis Prize in 1985: its subsequent career demonstrates the exhaustive process of trial-and-error that goes to make a modern musical.

Mackintosh has nursed *Just So* through "try-outs" at Plymouth and the Watermill Theatre, Newbury. Both prompted bouts of soul-searching, according to George Stiles, and months of rewriting. Following the production at Newbury last summer, *Just So* acquired a completely new second act. Even last week, Stiles and Mackintosh were "locked in a broom cupboard", rearranging a problematical number.

The composer says that Mackintosh's dedication has not only brought *Just So* to fruition. It has also transformed his partner and himself from blithe young hopefuls into professionals as single-minded as their mentor. "I now wake up in the morning and think 'I write musicals'. There's nothing else I want to do."

Mackintosh doubts that many formidable librettists and composers languish undiscovered. He points out that Stiles and Drewe are by no means the only talents to surface through the Vivian Ellis Prize. Others include Charles Hart, who went on to contribute lyrics to *Phantom of the Opera* and *Aspects of Love*, and Jason Carr, who wrote the score for *Born Again*, an adaptation of Ionesco's *Rhinoceros* staged by Peter Hall at Chichester this summer. Mackintosh also has high hopes of Timothy Sutton, an A-level student from Preston, who won this year with a dauntingly sophisticated version of *Beauty and the Beast*. Their achievements apart, he says, "the level of entries is generally lamentable".

His detractors suggest that Mackintosh himself has made life difficult for gifted newcomers by fostering the public appetite for high-tech, high-cost extravaganzas. "Investment is being concentrated on a sort of tourist musical," says Stilgoe, "where you impress a polyglot audience with hydraulics rather than wit or passion." He admits that he has played a part in this trend, having written lyrics for *Starlight Express*, the ultimate example of engineering-as-entertainment.

Mackintosh argues that the predominance of the mega-musical has been exaggerated. It is purely coincidental, he says, that the hit composers of the past decade – Andrew Lloyd Webber, and Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schönberg of *Les Misérables* and *Miss Saigon* – are most comfortable working on a grand scale. Much of his time lately has been spent harnessing Stiles' and Drewe's more operatic tendencies. He sees the intimacy of *Just So* as part of its "very British charm", in a tradition stretching from Gilbert and Sullivan to Noël Coward.

ALASTAIR MUIR

Latest gamble: *Just So*, a Kipling-based show at the Tricycle, Kilburn, expected in the West End

Stilgoe, too, seeks a return to the insouciance of operetta and musical comedy. But this aim is incompatible, he believes, with the kind of fierce commitment instilled in his protégés by Mackintosh. "Cameron is running a musical stud farm. At Buxton, we're looking for National Velvet."

Stilgoe's views are echoed by Howard Goodall, one of the most promising – if least fashionable – composers to have emerged during the 1980s. Goodall is most well known for his incidental television music. He came to theatrical prominence with *The Hired Man*, based on Melvyn Bragg's Cumbrian novel, which won admiring notices but failed at the box office. His second West End show, *Girlfriends*, found scant favour with critics or the public.

Yet both productions revealed a distinctive talent, and his score for *Girlfriends* achieved an emotional depth rare in musicals. The show was dramatically inert, though, and seemed in desperate need of the Mackintosh flair. Goodall, however, prefers to avoid hothouse methods and big-time values. "Perhaps I'm espousing an English approach that's more amateur and less disciplined, but it can also produce the most inventive and maverick work."

Goodall's choice of subject matter is certainly idiosyncratic: his next musical will be about the Spanish Civil War. The Oxford Stage Company takes *Days of Hope* on tour in the new year, prior to a run at the Hampstead Theatre.

By then, Mackintosh hopes to see *Just So* safely ensconced in the West End, probably at Wyndham's. He believes that this latest venture will prove that he, too, can nurture fresh talent on a modest scale. Stiles and Drewe are, he insists, "the real McCoy". We will know whether his fabled judgment has held out by the end of the week.

● Just So *is at the Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (071-328 1000).*

BILL GRANT

Wood surprise: "The Ancient Forester" by David Kemp

PRUDENTIAL AWARD WINNER

Down in the forest there's something stirring

Allen Robertson visits The Grizedale Society's prize-winning open-air sculpture gallery, in the heart of a Cumbria forest

Bill Grant, director of The Grizedale Society and now, perhaps unexpectedly, winner of the £100,000 Prudential Award for the Arts, has a simple philosophy: "to spend the minimum on administration and the maximum on art". He means what he says; he is literally 50 per cent of the staff in charge of Britain's largest art gallery.

Grizedale is a 9,000-acre practical working forest run by the Forestry Commission. But it is also one of the most ambitious environmental projects in the country. A trip round the northern tip of Lake Windermere into Grant's spacious domain reveals a world where art and nature cohabit in glorious harmony.

Grant, a small rosy-cheeked man with a ruff of white hair, appears a combination of devilish leprechaun and Father Christmas. Now "beyond the age of retirement" he has, by default, become the curator of some of the most exciting alfresco art produced in the past decade.

"Grizedale is a special kind of animal that doesn't slot easily into the establishment arts scene," he says. "It has a particular image and is not the slick, arts centre sort of place."

That is an understatement. The sculptures are spread out along a 12-mile trail. They are marked on a map which visitors receive when they arrive. From there on, it is up to them to search for the sculptures themselves.

"It's not all laid out on a plate. You have to get out on your pins and look for it. It's like an adventure," Grant maintains. No two sculptures can be seen in any one spot. That is one of the most important aspects. Each artist who works in Grizedale begins by trekking round in search of the ideal location for his or her work. One artist chose the centre of a pond, another a cliff. Up hill and down dale the artists create with the natural materials of the forest: wood, rocks, twigs.

"The possibilities are absolutely enormous," says Grant. "And it's constantly evolving. Because of the natural materials there's a built-in obsolescence. It's an organic thing, growing and decaying just like the forest itself."

The idea for Grizedale goes back to 1968 when Grant, then Grizedale's chief forester, received a Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowship which took him to the United States. He returned filled with ideas and Grizedale's Theatre in the Forest was born out of a converted hayloft. It is still flourishing and offers everything from chamber music and jazz to Shakespeare and wine tastings.

"Grizedale is not Glyndebourne. We get people coming to listen to chamber music in their shirt-sleeves. To my way of thinking, that's the way it should be."

The sculpture project came into being in 1977. The intent is not so much outdoor museum as one of enhancing the environment in the most creative of ways. Last year almost 200,000 people visited and, as Grant notes with obvious pride, Grizedale has become something of an international role model. One of his next projects is a special trail to allow the elderly and the physically disabled to experience something of the Grizedale ethos.

Winning the 1990 Prudential Award will enable Grant to erect one of Grizedale's most impressive sculptures. It is being created by Colin Rose and is called "Aerial Walkway". It is exactly what its title implies: a catwalk through the treetops linking two sides of a ravine some 30 feet above the ground. The result, as with so many other of the Grizedale sculptures, should be sheer magic.

● Grizedale Forest Sculpture *can be seen at Grizedale, Hawkshead, Ambleside, Cumbria. Further information from 0229 860291.*

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Authentic sound of disaster

Stephen Pettitt reviews this week's concerts featuring period instruments

In the early days of the period-instrument revival, there was frequently a marked disparity between the quality of performance heard on record and in live concerts. That was to be expected: many musicians involved in the momentous experiment were more or less learning how to play the older versions of their instruments in public.

Those days are over, or at least that is what I thought until last week. My record review on these pages (November 13) praised the neatness of playing in the first instalment of Christopher Hogwood's Haydn symphonies recording project with the Academy of Ancient Music. But hearing him conduct the same orchestra in Haydn at the Wigmore Hall last Saturday was a severe shock.

Haydn's Symphonies Nos 6, 7 and 8 ("Le Matin", "Le Midi" and "Le Soir"), are admittedly not easy. But here, they were shoddily played. Hogwood seemed as fired up for his task as a bored art gallery attendant; his beat was stodgy, especially in the minuets. His players sometimes sounded as if they were sight-reading, and with just two desks of first violins there was nowhere to hide.

Admittedly the leader, Christopher Hirons, was the victim of bad luck when his E-string broke during the tuning-up for "Le Midi", but even that was hardly excuse for the waywardness of his subsequent solos. Such uncertainty was bound to infect his colleagues. The gorgeous slow movement of this work suffered from those old, familiar problems of oboe intonation, while the scraping and approximate double bass solos in the Menuetto of "Le Soir" set the teeth on edge. Even the usually reliable Anthony Halstead and Christian Rutherford had a hard time with their high horn solos.

With playing such as this, arguments about whether or not a harpsichord continuo is appropriate – Hogwood opted to exclude it – become irrelevant. Bafflingly, the audience, which also heard Emma Kirkby sing two rare Mozart numbers (the aria "Voi avete un cor fidele" and the *Lied* "Nehmt meinen Dank, ihr holden Gönner!") with her customary piercing purity, seemed to adore it.

Rightly, Decca would never allow their recordings of these works to be anything other than highly polished. Thus, unless the AAM experiences a miraculous transformation (or rehearses more thoroughly), the product in the shops will be a denial of reality.

Ton Koopman and the Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra may not make the world's most perfect recordings, but they are identifiable equally easily in concert hall or on compact disc, thanks to their brittle sound, unrelenting vigour in faster music, and often impetuous mannerisms in slower movement. In short, they always perform.

Their mistake at the Queen Elizabeth Hall was to play, end to end, four of Mozart's earliest symphonies (Nos 5 and 7 were, indeed, the very first). I would have happily traded brevity and charm for a touch of drama; and, taking into account Koopman's tendency towards flamboyant invention at the harpsichord, there was cause for regret that he adopted the same solution to the continuo problem as Hogwood.

Reassuringly, concerts given by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment sometimes seem to fizz with an inspiration that is almost impossible to capture on record. That happened last month, when the orchestra played under Frans Brüggen's direction. The OAE could not reach such heights when Sir Charles Mackerras conducted a subsequent London concert, but it made an honest, invigorating job of Mendelssohn's overture *Fingal's Cave* and of Brian Newbould's completion of Schubert's "Unfinished" Symphony.

Newbould's orchestration of the scherzo (which survives, incomplete, in the form of a piano score) here seemed a touch clumsy, perhaps because Mackerras treated this movement with a particularly heavy hand. But the translation of the first entr'acte of *Rosamunde* to this symphony's finale, a solution whose plausibility was argued strongly by the late Gerald Abraham, worked perfectly.

Though the playing was far from impeccably co-ordinated, it was much more so than in Crusell's virtuoso Third Clarinet Concerto. Antony Pay, who gave an appropriately lithe account of the solo part, should really have allowed someone other than himself to direct.

Finally, let me commend a new, young group of three singers and a lutenist calling itself La Brigata. Its Early Music Centre Network tour reached the Wigmore Hall last week. The programme of early 15th-century Venetian music was mellifluously delivered but the slightly twee introductions need some work.

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RECORDS: OPERA

Fresh confusion

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Janáček: Osud Welsh National Opera/Mackerras. EMI CDC 7 49993 2

AS RUTH Berghaus remarks in the booklet accompanying this recording of the Fierrabras she produced in Vienna, Schubert's opera is about young people whose emotional confusions are expressed in the plot's thickety character. One may easily lose track of what is happening, but the music is always immediate, present and sure. There is a confident green freshness to the work, in a performance for which Claudio Abbado aptly chose the young Chamber Orchestra of Europe.

The sense of a boisterous, burgeoning immaturity is perhaps all the stronger because *Fierrabras* failed to lead anywhere: this is a great bud that never burst open. Not only did it have no successor in Schubert's own output, but remained unperformed until nearly 70 years after the composer's death. Lacking progeny, it also, in a sense, lacks antecedents, for though it owes clear debts to Weber and to *Fidelio*, the main business of the music is elsewhere: in the intensely Schubertian song style of so many of the numbers, and in the blithe sweep that interlocks passages of recitative, melodrama and chorus.

The cast is well chosen to enact adolescent emotional crises, the occasional breaking tone of the two leading tenors – Robert Gambill as Eginhard and Josef Protschka as Fierrabras – seeming quite appropriate (the recording is wisely taken from stage performances). Karita Mattila as Emma and Cheryl Studer as Florinda are both beautifully contrasted, the one warm and mellifluous, the other breathtakingly urgent. Thomas Hampson is a noble Roland and Robert Holl a sound Charlemagne, except for some strain in the very lowest register: the work profits, of course, from these intelligent *lieder* voices. It is a pleasure to hear Peter Hofmann in the tiny part of Ogier.

Fierrabras may not be a great work, but it is certainly a great curiosity, and this recording does it proud.

Janáček's *Osud* is also a great curiosity which was neglected during its composer's lifetime. Written straight after *Jenůfa*, it was not staged until 1958, and reached this country only in 1984.

Osud is the story of a composer whose wife dies in an accident, and who writes an opera apparently very like the one in which he is a character. Perhaps partly because the libretto was significantly altered during the course of composition, the piece has as many loose ends and sudden eruptions as *Fierrabras*, but it is again kept on the road by the exaltation of the music, and by the drive and colour brought to it by the Welsh National Opera ensemble under Charles Mackerras.

There is also, again, an exceptional cast. Philip Langridge's intensity and angst fit the central role to perfection, and Helen Field is in full, fine radiant flow as the wife. Smaller parts are stamped with character and musicality by Kathryn Harries, Peter Bronder and a boy treble, Samuel Linay. Indeed, the only questionable feature of the recording is the fact that it is sung in English when Janáček's music demands the initial-accent rhythms and the chewiness of Czech.

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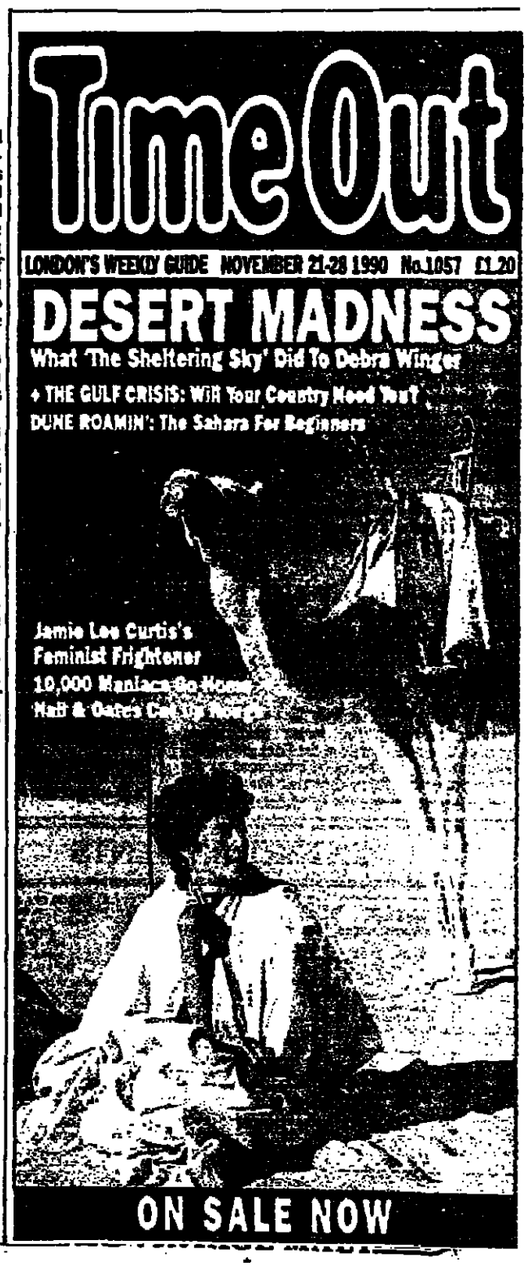

When they were young: Norman Tebbit on a yacht (left), a young Edward Heath, Geoffrey Howe on a pony (top) and the German Chancellor Helmut Kohl on horseback

Sir Geoffrey Howe, looking slightly worried on horseback, Norman Tebbit with a youthful smile and Edward Heath wearing a pretty country-check jumpsuit show themselves in a new light today at a sale at Christie's in London in aid of leukaemia. They are some of the 150 famous people who have donated signed photographs of themselves, many taken when they were children. A book with 87 of the photographs has been published in aid of the Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust. Margaret Thatcher gave a family portrait with her standing primly in a group, while Michael Heseltine could not find a childhood snapshot and donated one as an adult instead. Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, the former Labour prime minister, had his sights on Downing Street at an early age as his photograph shows him on the steps of Number 10 as a boy wearing short trousers and a cloth cap.

Yeltsin attacks Gorbachev plan

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

PRESIDENT Gorbachev's plan to reorganise the Soviet Union's central administrative structure will only make the country's situation worse, Boris Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, said yesterday. Mr Yeltsin, who is visiting the Ukrainian capital, Kiev, was giving his first response to Mr Gorbachev's proposals to institute new executive bodies and subordinate them directly to the president.

He told the semi-official news agency, Interfax, yesterday of his disappointment that comments from leaders of the Soviet Union's other republics, including the Russian Federation, had apparently been rejected by the president. He said the proposals were all directed towards strengthening the centre, something he predicted that Russia would not accept.

"It turns out that you can do without both the consent and the advice of the sovereign republics," he said. "But you can't do that any more. Russia, at least, will not accept it."

The Russian and Soviet parliaments have been at loggerheads for two months, passing conflicting laws and insisting on the primacy of their own resolutions. A truce sealed by President Gorbachev and Mr Yeltsin over the summer was broken last month when the Soviet government and the Russian Federation parliament went separate ways on economic reform.

Yesterday, Mr Yeltsin argued that the republics would have been happier if their declarations of sovereignty had been endorsed by the central parliament, the Supreme Soviet, before the question of signing a new union treaty was broached. He objected that Mr Gorbachev should also have consulted the republics before launching his latest initiative.

"But this was not done ... the reaction will be the opposite to what was wanted. I am convinced that this will hinder rather than help the situation in the country."

Not all Mr Yeltsin's comments were negative, however. He admitted that he had mixed feelings about the president's proposals and needed to study them further. If, as appears, plans for a new union treaty to bind the Soviet republics more loosely have been delayed or, as some believe, the idea of a political, rather than economic, treaty has been shelved for the time being, Mr Yeltsin may look on the Gorbachev proposals more favourably.

One of Mr Yeltsin's political team, the Russian deputy prime minister, Grigori Yavlinsky, had said earlier that Mr Yeltsin's proposal for a coalition government of national unity and the president's restructuring plans were not mutually exclusive. Mr Yavlinsky is joint author of the radical "500-day" programme for economic reform, and submitted his resignation from the Russian government when the Soviet parliament accepted a different and — in Mr Yavlinsky's view — slower route to a market economy.

Ukraine pact, page 10

A fitting funeral for cold war

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Thatcher still be there on Wednesday? Would President Gorbachev survive another month ? Would President Bush's popularity go on falling until the war starts ? Even the French, taking pride in the greatest gathering of world leaders since the conference of Versailles, were talking of the lame duck summit. Would even their own prime minister last until nightfall ?

The lessons of history were not encouraging. Of the 35 leaders who signed the original Helsinki accords, only Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, the Vatican's representative, had the spiritual stamina and safe political base to survive the intervening 15 years. Of the others, two have been assassinated — Aldo Moro of Italy and Olof Palme of Sweden — one, Nicolae Ceausescu, has been executed, and one, Erich Honecker, is under virtual hospital arrest.

President Bush was asked, after breakfast with Mrs Thatcher, whether he wished her luck. "Did I what?" he said, puzzled. Not a question even asked of his staunchest ally before. He quickly recovered enough to insist that "far be it from me to figure out the internal political of a party in the United Kingdom".

Political sketch

The hurricane's eye — Arcola St, E8

"QUESTIONS to the Right honourable Member for Selby," (the Official Record styles the session) "as representing the Church Commissioners," yesterday ...

Mr Frank Field (Lab, Birkenhead): Isn't there a serious point, here?

Mr Nicholas Soames (C, Crawley) (from a sedentary position): No!

A light moment in an uneasy day, for strange quiet gripped the Chamber: the eye of the hurricane.

All around — in Henley, Belgravia, Paris and the BBC — objects were colliding and trees snapping in the political gale. Reports reached us from as far as Scotland of brother taking arms against brother, whole regiments of parliamentary candidates writing to the *Times*, and Young Conservatives crying at breakfast. Edwina Currie had deserted the PM, and wolves were seen walking in the streets of South Derbyshire. Even the dawn was late.

But in the Chamber they were discussing social services. Ms Diane Abbot (Lab, Hackney N & Stoke Newington) wanted to know when Mr Newton, the secretary of state "next plans to visit Arcola Street Social Security Office."

The secretary of state had no immediate plans.

Concerned, perhaps, lest by embracing the whole of Arcola Street in her question she had broadened the ambit of discussion too wide, Ms Abbot brought the debate sharply into focus. It was "my constituent, Mrs Moore, of 156 Evelyn Court, E8" who had been wronged in Arcola Street. Mrs Moore had been refused a grant for a new pair of shoes.

As ministers struggled with the issues raised, Mr Michael Jack (C, Fylde) sought to intervene.

"I hope," said the Speaker gravely to Mr Jack, "that there is an Arcola Street connection?"

There was, but only just. Mr Jack invited us to consider "Arcola Street *and* other centres"; and the House turned its attention to a few of the many issues which might affect Arcola Street as much as, if not more than, anywhere else.

Far away in Paris, occupying Britain's seat at the conference on security and cooperation in Europe, the prime minister too may have had Arcola Street as much in mind as anywhere. And as little, poor soul.

Outside it was raining as the most junior minister of all, at social security, Mrs Gillian Shephard, rose on a question about pensions, standing charges, "and other matters." Mrs Shephard fizzes with competence. Every club bore has his story about how, rather ahead of the pack (at a cheese and wine party in Finchley in 1958 perhaps) he first spotted Margaret Thatcher as a world leader. Well it was yesterday that your sketchwriter sensed in this junior minister the potential to reach the top.

Mr Soames recommended the German approach to pensions. Mrs Shephard came back at him with a whole barrage of facts about Germany; and not just facts, but philosophy too. Yet without scolding: with calm good nature. A sort of "ozone-friendly" Thatcher.

After social services came Michael Alison, the backbencher who moonlights as "representing the Church Commissioners", whoever they are. An ex-aide to Mrs Thatcher, Mr Alison is not (in fact) a crawler, but a palely principled and painfully shy fellow. Yesterday was his moment to fly to the aid of his old boss. It turned into a nightmare.

He decided to commend her for her religious zeal. "Not since Gladstone," he said, had such piety been found at No 10. Then Mr Alison started to say that she would make a good priest, realised — too late — that people might think he was joking — and lurched into a painstaking disquisition on how people could take up the ministry very late in life — and 70 would not be too late — after she had finished being PM ...

Mr Alison meant it. At Westminster, that makes a pitiful sight.

Matthew Parris

Leadership race 'too close to call'

Continued from page 1

constituencies. Mr Heseltine said he had been put up to spearhead his party's attack on Labour at the 1979 and 1983 elections and claimed that only he could preserve the achievements of the recent Tory governments through the 1990s.

As Tory MPs pondered the prospect of a second ballot after the declaration at 6.30pm today, their calculations were having to be revised in the light of growing pressure for John Major, the chancellor, to make a bid for the leadership.

Arrangements have been made for the result to be flashed to Mrs Thatcher in Paris. Her cabinet colleagues are hoping that if she has not won outright she will take no action until she has discussed the implications of the first round figures with them.

Senior members of the 1922 committee were saying that if Mrs Thatcher were to be denied the support of more than a third of Tory MPs she would have to consider whether to step down.

In today's ballot she needs a minimum of 187 votes with a margin of at least 56 over Mr Heseltine to be sure of victory. Some close to the Heseltine camp suggested that he had 130 votes assured. There are predictions of as many as 50 abstentions. In truth, however, no one knew. In the most dishonest electorate in the world, black propaganda was the order of the day.

There was some dismay among Mrs Thatcher's supporters at her attack on Mr Heseltine, which some felt would prove counter-productive, and the raw nerves showed at the end of the campaign with Mr Tebbit declaring "the gloves are off".

Reformer leads the Bar

By Frances Gibb, legal affairs correspondent

ANTHONY Scrivener QC, from the reformist wing of the Bar Council, swept to victory last night in the first contested election for the post of chairman of the Bar in its history.

Mr Scrivener, aged 55, the Bar's deputy chairman, fought off his challenger, Richard Southwell QC, in an election which also included the Bar's first postal ballot on the chairmanship.

The chairman-elect comes from a reformist group known as Campaign for the Bar which took the Bar Council by storm four years ago, on the strength of a manifesto for greater democracy in the profession's governing body. The group won a double victory yesterday: the deputy chairmanship went to another member, Gareth Williams QC, who defeated Roger Henderson QC, chairman of the Bar's public affairs committee.

Most of the policies of Campaign for the Bar, which included a greater say for the young and those in the regions, have been implemented. But the election victory yesterday is a clear signal that barristers want the profession to shake off its traditional, somewhat aloof, Oxbridge image.

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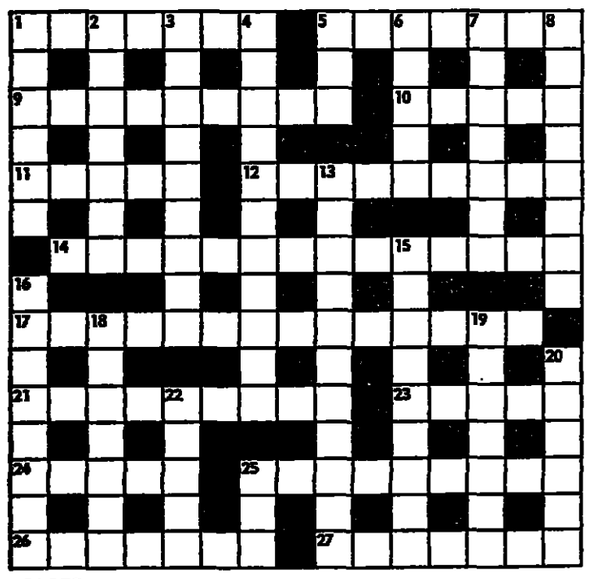

ACROSS

1 Ridge outside Kent from which a light once shone (7).
5 Token is not real (7).
9 Vigorous fight to protect one's valuables (6-3).
10 He painted a Scotsman — and in Paris too! (5).
11 Score for three clarinets originally used in Japanese drama (5).
12 Business-like company abandons product (9).
14 Frivolous supporter at home in broadcast (7-7).
17 Assurance finally deserts little creature with secret (4-10).
21 Song about troubled times in the plant (9).
23 Italian leader interning English? The devil he is! (5).
24 Game requiring many skills (5).
25 Fraudulent sculptor? (9).
26 Broadcast from journalist after the race (7).
27 Not sharp, but such a one's sure to be successful (7).

DOWN

1 Gaming-house built by accountants in Ohio (6).
2 Unpredictable fellow sheltering a deserter (7).
3 The northern city's 13 is artificially produced (9).
4 Directions to swallow one pill before a game (5,6).
5 Nothing new, a team being raised (3).
6 Seamstress about to make a copy (5).
7 Material bespoken for Edmund the actor's grandmother (7).
8 Mock duel about a singer in play (8).
13 Sailor involved in disagreement about a story (11).
15 Correction to notice about soldiers, intended to be announced (9).
16 No man provides his home do we infer? (8).
18 By and by, a student might practise such thinking (7)
19 It links the French king with seizure of power (7).
20 Fuel for one flying far from land say (6).
22 Stale-smelling, like some grapejuice? (5).
25 This hoax upset a dwarf (3).

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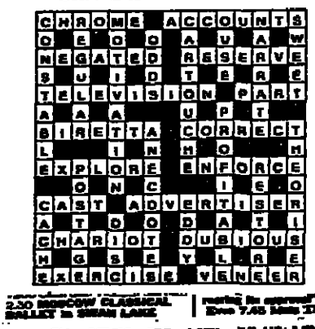

Concise Crossword page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

GYNAIKOPOINARIAN
a. Rhythmic equestrian exercises
b. Punishing women
c. A sweet quince

SAJOU
a. Saturday or Sunday
b. French know-how
c. A capuchin monkey

GARUM
a. The head of a Doric column
b. Fermented fish sauce
c. Twice-distilled rum

SHADDOCK
a. The female haddock
b. A coarse grapefruit
c. Canopy of a hammock

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WEATHER

England and Wales will start bright, but the South-east will be cloudy with some rain at first. Sunny spells and scattered showers will spread across the country with sleet or snow over northern hills. Many central and southern inland parts will stay mainly dry. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, falling as sleet or snow, especially on high ground. Outlook: cold, but bright; sunny spells and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloudy; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	18	64	s	Majorca	19	66	s
Akrotiri	21	70	f	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	25	77	f	Malta	19	66	c
Algiers	21	70	s	Melb'rne	17	63	s
Amst'dm	8	46	f	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	21	70	s	Miami*	26	79	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	3	37	fg
Barbados*	-	-		Montreal*	-1	30	c
Barcelona	17	63	s	Moscow	4	39	c
Belgrade	7	45	r	Munich	4	39	r
Berlin	6	43	c	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	24	75	f	Naples	18	64	f
Biarritz	15	59	c	N Delhi	25	77	s
Borde'x	15	59	d	N York*	4	39	s
Brussels	8	46	r	Nice	17	63	s
Budapest	9	48	c	Oslo	1	34	s
B Aires*	29	84	s	Paris	11	52	c
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	11	52	f
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Perth	-	-	-
C'blanca	20	68	c	Prague	3	37	f
Chicago*	11	52	f	Reykjvik	0	32	f
Ch'church	10	50	d	Rhodes	19	66	f
Cologne	8	46	c	Rio de J	28	82	s
C'phagn	8	46	f	Riyadh	26	79	c
Corfu	18	64	f	Rome	19	66	s
Dublin	7	45	r	Salzburg	7	45	r
Dubrovnik	19	66	s	S F'isco*	14	57	c
Faro	22	72	s	Santiago*	26	79	s
Florence	14	57	s	S Paulo*	30	86	c
Frankfurt	7	45	f	Seoul	14	57	r
Funchal	21	70	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Geneva	9	48	c	Stockholm	1	34	c
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	r
Helsinki	-1	30	c	Sydney	17	63	f
Hong K	28	82	c	Tangier	19	66	f
Innsbrck	8	46	c	Tel Aviv	27	81	f
Istanbul	18	64	s	Tenerife	23	73	s
Jeddah	33	91	c	Tokyo	17	63	c
Jo'burg*	26	79	f	Toronto*	3	37	f
Karachi	29	84	s	Tunis	20	68	f
L Palmas	24	75	d	Valencia	19	66	s
Le Touqt	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	6	43	c
Lisbon	13	55	fg	Venice	11	52	s
Locarno	17	63	c	Vienna	7	45	r
L Angeles*	18	64	c	Warsaw	5	41	f
Luxembg	7	45	f	Wash'ton*	9	48	s
Luxor	31	88	s	Wel'ngton	19	66	c
Madrid	14	57	s	Zurich	9	48	c

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.5	.13	7	45	shower
Anglesey	2.4	.08	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	0.7	.76	7	45	shower
Belfast	1.5	.09	8	46	shower
Blackpool	2.4	.27	10	50	shower
Buxton	1.2	.83	6	43	shower
Clacton	5.8	.04	11	52	sunny
Douglas	4.0	.06	8	46	shower
Edinburgh	5.0	.07	8	46	sunny
Eskdalemuir	4.8	.46	7	45	shower
Exmouth	4.2	-	12	54	bright
Falmouth	4.2	.01	13	55	bright
Folkestone	6.5	.01	12	54	sunny
Guernsey	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	6.1	-	12	54	sunny
Hunstanton	7.8	.02	9	48	sunny
Ilfracombe	X	.05	12	54	shower
Jersey	0.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Kinloss	0.1	.26	6	43	shower
Lerwick	3.0	.17	6	43	shower
Minehead	4.8	.04	12	54	shower
Morecambe	2.8	.08	9	48	shower
Newquay	2.4	-	12	54	bright
Nottingham	4.4	.08	9	48	shower
Penzance	3.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Plymouth	3.7	-	13	55	bright
Poole	3.5	-	13	55	bright
Scarboro'nd	1.9	-	12	54	bright
Scilly Isles	3.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Shanklin	6.2	-	11	52	sunny
Southend	5.6	-	13	55	sunny
Southsea	5.8	-	13	54	sunny
St. Ives	2.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	0.2	.49	7	45	shower
Swanage	6.0	-	13	55	sunny
Tenby	3.2	.01	11	52	cloudy
Torquay	4.0	-	13	55	bright
Weymouth	3.1	-	12	54	sunny
Wick	0.9	.40	6	43	shower
Worthing	6.4	-	12	54	sunny

These are Sunday's figures.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Humidity: 6 pm, 74 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.01 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,002.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: day temp Guernsey, Channel Islands, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 6C (43F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 0.76 in. highest sunshine: Hunstanton, Norfolk, 7.8 hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.2 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 7C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.4 hr.

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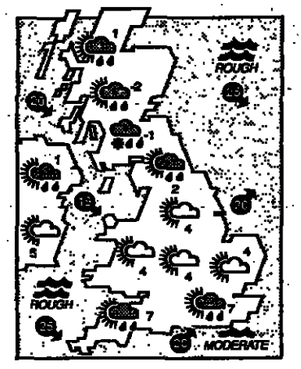

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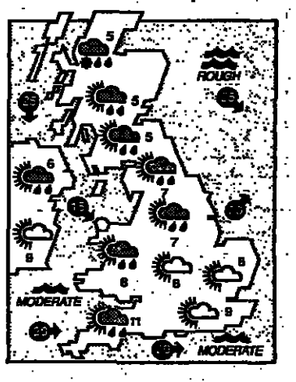

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.05 pm to 7.28 am
Bristol 4.15 pm to 7.38 am
Edinburgh 3.58 pm to 8.01 am
Manchester 4.05 pm to 7.45 am
Penzance 4.32 pm to 7.45 am

Sun rises: 7.27 am | Sun sets: 4.05 pm
Moon rises: 10.40 am | Moon sets: 5.55 pm

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun:

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	6	43r	Guernsey	f	11	52c
B'ngham	s	8	46c	Inverness	s	8	47c
Blackpool	s	9	48s	Jersey	f	11	52c
Bristol	f	11	52f	London	s	10	50r
Cardiff	f	10	50c	M'nchester	f	6	43f
Edinburgh	s	7	45s	Newcastle	f	7	45f
Glasgow	s	6	43r	N'ddesley	f	8	46f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.10	6.8	3.24	6.7
Aberdeen	2.37	3.0	2.40	4.1
Avonmouth	8.33	12.3	8.47	11.8
Belfast	12.10	3.3	12.22	3.5
Cardiff	8.18	11.4	8.32	11.1
Devonport	7.01	5.3	7.16	5.1
Dover	12.07	6.3	12.18	6.2
Falmouth	6.31	5.1	6.46	4.9
Glasgow	1.53	4.3	2.16	4.7
Harwich	12.55	3.5	1.16	3.7
Holyhead	11.39	5.3		
Hull	7.41	6.7	7.44	6.9
Ilfracombe	7.12	8.6	7.27	8.3
King's Lynn	7.46	6.0	7.53	6.3
Leith	3.56	5.1	4.06	5.1

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	12.18	8.7	12.32	8.9
Lowestoft	10.54	2.3	10.52	2.4
Margate	1.00	4.6	1.28	4.6
Milford Haven	7.33	6.5	7.48	6.2
Newquay	6.23	6.5	6.38	6.3
Oban	6.58	3.9	7.03	3.7
Penzance	6.00	5.4	6.16	5.2
Portland	8.06	2.1	8.26	1.8
Portsmouth	12.43	4.6	12.47	4.6
Shoreham	12.16	5.8	12.21	5.6
Southampton	12.01	4.3	12.06	4.3
Swansea	7.38	9.0	7.54	8.7
Tees	4.54	5.0	5.04	5.1
W'ton-on-Nze	12.49	4.0	- 1.12	3.9

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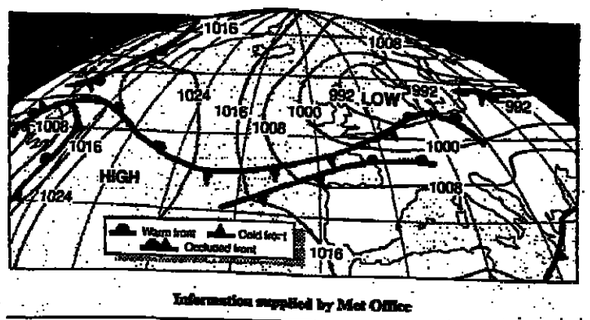

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando
8.50 Daytime UK. A look at the day ahead with Adrian Mills in Manchester and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Birmingham
9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. Andy Craig invites contestants to tackle questions on hobbies, lifestyle and leisure 9.25 Dish of the Day. Cookery ideas 9.30 People Today. Adrian Mills and Debi Jones offer advice on money matters
10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin *begins with* Playdays (r) 10.25 Pingu. Cartoon series
10.35 People Today. Includes, at 10.45 Health UK in which Martyn Lewis asks why anti-smoking campaigns aimed at teenagers seem to be unsuccessful
11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on what women think of men who let themselves go after marriage 11.45 Before Noon. Adrian Mills and Ronke Phillips are in Manchester to take viewers' calls
12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon. Rosemary Conley hosts another 15 minutes of fitness training 12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment from Pebble Mill including Tim Grundy's *Video File* 12.55 Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. Australian soap. *(Ceefax) 1.50 Going for Gold.* European quiz hosted by Henry Kelly
2.15 Film: *No Highway in the Sky* (1951, b/w) starring James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. Thriller based on Nevil Shute's novel about an eccentric scientist researching the possible defects of a commercial plane. He is convinced the plane is unsafe but finds himself in danger trying to prove it. Suspense is mixed with humour and the stars are in reliable form. Directed by Henry Koster.
3.50 *Forget-Me-Not Farm* 4.05 The Chipmunks. Cartoon
4.20 Happy Families. Children's comedy series
4.35 Ipso Facto. Young reporter Andrew Richardson looks at different kinds of things that people find themselves addicted to. Dawn French talks openly about her lust for chocolate and there are vox pops with young people who confess to addictions ranging from pickled onions to *Neighbours*. The programme also explores more serious addictions
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 16 of the drama serial set in a London comprehensive. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Trivial Pursuit. Rory McGrath hosts an enlarged version of the board game, with amusing prizes for the winners. (Ceefax)
7.30 EastEnders. Drama set in a London square. (Ceefax)
8.00 The Good Life. Classic Seventies comedy about a couple, Richard Briers and Felicity Kendal, who have given *up the rat race and its material trappings for self-sufficiency in suburbia.* Margo and Jerry next door try to persuade them to take a holiday. With Paul Eddington and Penelope Keith (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 A Question of Sport introduced by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by John Regis, Louise Aitken-Walker, Mal Meninga and Peter Beardsley. (Ceefax)
9.00 *Nine O'Clock News with Michael* Buerk. Regional news and weather
9.30 The Paradise Club. Street-cred *drama starring Leslie Grantham and Don* Henderson. Has Danny finally agreed to become involved with a drugs *baron? Even brother Frank suspects* that he has. (Ceefax). Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 The Paradise Club
10.20 Inside Story Special: The Maze — Enemies Within.
● CHOICE: Steve Hewlett's revealing documentary takes us inside the Maze prison in Northern Ireland, whose inmates are 400 loyalist and

The Maze: Republican prisoners (10.20pm)

republican terrorists, most of them serving life sentences for murder. The film is the mixture of observation of the men's daily routine and interviews in the cells. Peter Taylor's sharp questioning should head off criticism that this is a public relations job for the paramilitaries, who, to meet the government reporting restrictions, have their voices dubbed by actors. *Outsiders may be surprised by the relative leniency of a regime that allows* the inmates wide discretion to run their own affairs. They are shown celebrating the battle of the Boyne, studying for Open University degrees and using the official channels to complain about the size of the sausage rolls. An experiment with home leave for those who have served 13 years has so far produced no absconders. Wales: 10.50 Inside Story Special
11.20 Film 90 with Barry Norman. Barry Norman reviews the much-hyped *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, which is about to hit our screens, and looks at *Henry and June*, the story of the *passionate affair between Henry Miller* and Anais Nin
11.50 Working Titles. Last in the series *looking at the sort of jobs which keep* the aristocracy busy. With Lady Victoria Leatham and the Countess of Mar
12.20am Weather. Wales: Film 90 12.50 News and weather

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. News of proceedings in both Houses
9.00 Daytime on Two: a visit to medieval Longthorpe Tower 9.05 Roy Castle and celebrities' shoes 9.30 GCSE German 9.45 Festivals 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Learning to read 10.40 Discussion topics 11.00 The elements — fire 11.15 The threatened sea — overfishing and pollution 11.35 Science for seven to nine-year-olds 11.55 Children begin to compose a calypso 12.15 How scientists try to predict future events 12.35 Darwin and evolution 12.55 For beginners in spoken Hindi and Urdu 1.20 Greenclaws 1.40 School buildings in Wales
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r) 2.15 The Gun. The series on the history of firearms continues with the story of the rifle (r) 2.30 A Day in the Life of a pantomime cow (r) 2.35 See Hear! Magazine programme for the hearing impaired (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live. Prime minister's questions plus the day's other business from the Commons and Lords 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 Catchword. Word quiz hosted by Paul Coia.
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Robert Robinson and Loyd Grossman are joined by businesswoman Jean Denton and pop journalist Cynthia Rose
5.00 *Advice Shop. Bosses in industry are* delighted as the trade barriers lower all over Europe with the approach of 1992. But what about the workers? *Advice Shop* reports from France, Brussels and the UK
5.30 The Travel Show Guides. Travel magazine introduced by Penny Junor, with Matthew Collins and Dr John Thomes. A look at the northern coast of Spain (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: The Last Command (1955). In 1830s Texas the white settlers are planning to rebel against the local tyrant, General Santa Anna. Elaborate and complicated western depicting the battle of the Alamo, with enjoyable action but a poor script. Starring Sterling Hayden and Anna Maria Alberghetti. Directed by Frank Lloyd
7.45 Assignment: The Secret World of the Khmer Rouge. A rare insight into the operations of ruthless warriors, the Khmer Rouge. About a million Cambodian people were murdered by the Khmer under Pol Pot's regime. Although the murderers were finally driven out by the Vietnamese, their return is imminent. This film examines why the Cambodians seem resigned to the butchers' return
8.30 Food and Drink. Food magazine with Chris Kelly, Michael Barry and Jill Goolden. Two teenage vegetarians *discover their ideal diet and an* American professor explains the truth behind food risks
9.00 Twin Peaks. The fifth episode of David Lynch's much-hyped serial about murder in a sleepy timber town. Dr Jacoby reveals that Laura was consulting him about her sexual problems and that she had secrets which he could never fathom. (Ceefax)
9.50 The Sentence. The fourth in a series of documentaries looking at the lives of inmates at the Glen Parva Young Offenders Institution
10.20 283 Useful Ideas from Japan. More novel ideas from Japan, including a visit to Japanese love hotels, the secret world of Irezumi (the Japanese tattoo) and the big business of pinball machines
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 The Late Show. Jeremy Isaacs interviews Edmund White, American author of *A Boy's Own Story*, whose play *Trios* has recently opened in this country 11.55 Weather
12.00 Behind the Headlines. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

ITV LONDON

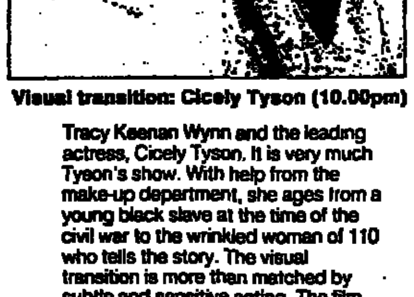
6.00 TV-am
9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Divall has the music and his contestants must provide the lyrics 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a discussion on whether or not the working class still exists
10.40 This Morning. Magazine show presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley
12.05 Rod, Jane & Freddy. Children's entertainment 12.25 Home And Away 12.55 Thames News and weather
1.00 News at One with Nicholas Owen. Weather
1.20 Heirloom. Antiques expert John Bly examines, values and identifies clocks and watches brought in by the studio audience 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in a rural community health clinic
2.20 Take The High Road. Sample the ups and downs of life with the residents of Glendarroch, a small Highland village 2.50 Talkabout. Andrew O'Connor hosts the game for couples with the gift of the gab
3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Bi-continental soap that links Australia with the north of England
3.55 Huxley Pig. More adventures with the daydreaming porker 4.10 The Dreamstone. Fantasy cartoon series 4.35 Sylvester (r)
4.40 Children's Ward. Drama serial about a large hospital'schildren's ward. (Oracle)
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. Weather
6.00 Thames News and weather including coverage of the result of the Tory leadership poll
7.00 This Week Special on the Conservative leadership vote
7.30 Emmerdale. Topical soap about a community in the Yorkshire Dales. It's concert night and Chris calls in a favour to give Kathy's song a professional boost. Aindow turns nasty on Dolly when she tells him that their relationship has come to an end. (Oracle)
8.00 The Bill: Decisions. Can Sgt Cryer, a stalwart of the show since the year dot, be about to get the heave after shooting dead an armed robber? (Oracle)
8.30 *Strike It Lucky. Quiz game show* hosted by Michael Barrymore
9.00 Boon. Michael Elphick's craggy private detective is commissioned to recover a top range motorcycle that has gone missing. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 Viewpoint 90: Let Me Die.
● CHOICE: Based on the case of Andrew and Nicola Thompson, Mike Morley's documentary makes a powerful case for euthanasia without ever becoming a propagandist tract. The Thompsons are the brother and sister who were charged with attempted murder after delivering a potentially lethal dose of painkiller to their dying mother. The arguments for the humane ending of a life that has become intolerable have been presented many times before, but rarely in such personal terms. Extensive interviews with Andrew and Nicola reveal, in sometimes harrowing detail, the intensity of their feelings and their conviction that they were acting

Nicola and Andrew Thompson (10.40pm)

out of love and respect. The film *widens the discussion by looking at the* experience of The Netherlands, where euthanasia is widely practised, and also gives the floor to those who argue against it. The credits point out that the Thompsons did not receive a fee
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Soap set in an Australian women's detention centre
12.40am The New Avengers. Another unlikely adventure for Patrick Macnee, Joanna Lumley and Gareth Hunt (r)
1.30 Video View. Mariella Frostrup *presents a guide to the latest in videos*
2.00 World Chess. News and analysis of the fourth round games in the Chess Olympiad, presented by Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*
2.15 60 Minutes. Incisive news magazine from America
3.10 Donahue. Phil Donahue's guests *discuss mothers who overprotect their* children
4.00 Entertainment UK. A guide to the latest arts and entertainment nationwide
5.00 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Stunning scenery set to a soothing soundtrack
6.20 Business Daily
6.30 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme. Sue Cameron reports on the parliamentary proceedings in both Houses
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school educational fun with special guest actress Susan Sarandon
2.00 Third Wave. Series of features for the over-55s. Today, a look at the joys and heartaches of sexuality and relationships for older people. (Teletext)
2.45 Film: Thin Ice (1937, b/w). Continuing a season of films starring former Olympic skater Sonja Henie, this lively romantic comedy-musical stars her as a Swiss skating instructor who meets an incognito Ruritanian prince posing as a reporter (Tyrone Power). The film capitalises on the then much-publicised affair between the two stars. With Arthur Treacher, Raymond Walburn and Joan Davis. Directed by Sidney Lanfield
4.10 An Artist Looks at Churches. John Piper selects an English church from each century in this 1959 British Rail documentary (r)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving quiz
5.00 Owl TV. Wildlife series presented by Michaela Strachan. Includes a visit to Howletts Zoo where John Aspinall joins his gorillas for a rough and tumble. (Teletext)
5.30 Same Difference. Magazine series on disabled matters. There is a look at how the judicial system copes with *disability and what sort of provision is* made for the deaf and disabled in prison. Mark Todd talks to the new *president of Nicaragua, Violetta* Chamorro, who is disabled
6.00 A Different World. Award-winning comedy chronicling the adventures of students at an American college
6.30 Vic Reeves Big Night Out. Britain's self-appointed top light entertainer returns for a repeat series. Bob Mortimer joins in the madness as Vic meets a man who burns important documents and shows viewers how to make a ray-gun out of denim (r)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi includes analysis of the Tory leadership contest result
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 Down to Earth. Cambridge academic Dr Catherine Hills meets the two joint winners of this year's Silver Trowel award (the British Archaeological awards) — John Hurst and Dr Don Spratt
8.30 Check Out. Consumer magazine. Includes this week the unravelling of the mysteries surrounding a creditors meeting
9.00 Aids Now: More Questions Than Answers — The Case of the Promiscuous Parasite. First of four revised films to coincide with World Aids day on December 1. A look at what the statistics mean and why they change so rapidly. (Teletext)
10.00 Film: The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman (1974).
● CHOICE: Although British audiences first saw it in the cinema, John Korty's film was made for American television and did much to raise the status of that often-despised form, the television movie. Emmys, the small screen equivalent of the Oscars, went to Korty, the writer



Visual transition: Cicely Tyson (10.00pm)

Tracy Keenan Wynn and the leading actress, Cicely Tyson. It is very much Tyson's show. With help from the make-up department, she ages from a young black slave at the time of the civil war to the wrinkled woman of 110 who tells the story. The visual transition is more than matched by subtle and sensitive acting. The film invites comparison with Arthur Penn's *Little Big Man*, where Dustin Hoffman underwent similar ageing as a device for giving one person's interpretation of a broad sweep of history. If Korty does not attempt Penn's stylistic flourish, the film offers many insights into the black American's struggle for rights and dignity
12.00 It's Showtime at the Apollo. The host is recording artist Full Force, with special guests Taylor Dayne and actor/comedian Charles Cozart.
1.00am The Lonesome Pine Specials. Series featuring the steamy sounds of Kentucky, including blues, jazz, cajun, gospel and acoustic. From jazz standards to punk funk, Charmaine Neville wows the crowds in the Barnhard Theatre. Ends at 2.25

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News 7.30-8.00 Anglia Reports 11.40 The 26th Cambridge Folk Festival 12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.05 Film: Madigan (Richard Widmark, Henry Fonda, Harry Guardino) 2.55 Comics, The Ninth Art 3.30 Entertainment UK 4.30-5.00 Anglia Reports.

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm A Brush With Ashley 2.20-2.50 Coronation Street 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Nature Trail 11.40 Magnum 12.45am Film: Reds 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Night Beat 3.45 Grace Jones in Profile 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Sledge Hammer! 11.40 Film: The Dark (William Devane, Cathy Lee Crosby) 1.25am The Time Tunnel 2.25 Famous Mystery Theatre 3.25 Talk of the Devil 3.55 America's Top Ten 4.25-5.00 Central Jobfinder '90.

GRANADA
As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Talkabout 2.50-3.15 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Flying Start 11.40 The New Avengers 12.45am Film: Reds 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Night Beat 3.45 Grace Jones...In Profile 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Hurray for Today USA 12.40am Donahue 1.35 Film: Three Men to Kill (Alain Delon, Pierre Dux) 3.20 60 Minutes 4.10 About Britain 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 A Welsh Life.

TSW
As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Coronation Street 2.20-2.50 A Simply Delicious Christmas 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Sledge Hammer! 11.40 The New Avengers 12.45am Film: Reds 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Night Beat 3.45 Grace Jones 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Farming News.

TVS
As London except: 1.20pm Coast to Coast People 1.50-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The Green Life Guide 11.40 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.35am Shooting Stars 1.35 Vivid 2.35 The Fugitive 3.35 60 Minutes 4.30-5.00 About Britain.

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 McNally 11.40 The New Avengers 12.45am Film: Reds 2.35 60 Minutes 3.20 Lou Reed 3.45 Grace Jones 3.55 About Britain 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 McGilloway's Way 11.40 TNT Final 12.45am Film: Reds (Warren Beatty, Diane Keaton, Jack Nicholson) 2.30 60 Minutes 3.20 Night Beat 3.50 Grace Jones 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 A Brush with Ashley 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Big Business 11.40 The New Avengers 12.40am Beauty and the Beast 1.35 Ski Tips 2.05 60 Minutes 3.05 Music Box 4.05 About Britain 4.30-5.00 Jobfinder.

S4C
Starts: 6.00am The Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Sbectol 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Down to Earth 2.30 The Late Late Show 3.30 Wagon Train 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Hano 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Hano 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Awyriach 7.30 MC² 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Ffiniau 9.30 The Golden Girls 10.00 Without Walls 11.00 Sticky Moments on Tour with Julian Clary 11.45 Spring Quartet 12.00 It's Showtime at the Apollo 1.00 The Lonesome Pine Specials 2.05 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Talkabout 1.00 News 1.40 A Brush With Art 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 "Live" At Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.15 Cartoon Time 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Head to Toe 8.00 Check Up 8.30 A Simply Delicious for Christmas 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Arts Express 10.40 St Elsewhere 11.30 News 11.40 Close.

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.05 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursaí 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News followed by People of the Year Awards 8.55 Only Fools and Horses 9.30 News followed by Capital News 10.25 Nighthawks 11.10 News 11.35 Close.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 Newsline 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 True Confessions 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 Another World 1.50 As the World Turns 2.45 Loving 3.15 Three's Company 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Lost in Space 6.00 Sale of the Century 6.30 Family Ties 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Football: Middlesex v Hull 9.30 Hitchhiker 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Cops 12.00 Jack Absalom Documentary 1.00am The Ropers 1.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
5.00am International Business Report 5.30 Newsline 6.00 International Business Report 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 The Frank Bough Interview 1.30pm NBC Today 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 8.30 Newsline 7.30 International Business Report 8.30 The Frank Bough Interview 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 NBC News 2.30 The Frank Bough Interview 3.30 Beyond 2000 4.30 The FBI

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase
10.00 The Swarm (1978): Billions of Brazilian killer bees swarm into Texas
12.00 The Men (1950): A former GI, and paraplegic (Marlon Brando), tries to adjust to civilian life
2.00pm The Amazing Howard Hughes — *Part One* (1977): Tommy Lee Jones stars as the reclusive millionaire
4.00 GI Jones: Pyramid of Darkness: Animated comic book hero
6.00 Indiscreet (1958): A wealthy American diplomat (Cary Grant) falls in love with an actress (Ingrid Bergman)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Gorillas in the Mist (1988): The true story of anthropologist Dian Fossey
10.05 Heartbreak Ridge (1986): Clint Eastwood whips a platoon of new recruits into shape for the invasion of Grenada
12.05am Behind-the-Scenes: Metropolitan: From the Cannes Film Festival
12.20 The Bulldance (1989): American schoolgirls become obsessed by Cretan mythology
2.00 High Anxiety (1977): Mel Brooks directs and stars in this Hitchcock spoof
4.00 Real Genius (1985): A clever American teenager uses his intelligence in a number of amusing ways. Ends 5.45

EUROSPORT
5.00am As Sky One 6.30 Eurobics 9.00 Stockcar Racing 9.30 World Jet Ski Tour 10.00 International Motor Sport 11.00 Boxing 12.00 Eurobics 12.30pm The World Games 1.30 ATP Tennis 3.30 Cycling 4.30 American College Football 5.30 Surfing 6.00 Spanish Goals 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Offshore Powerboat Racing 8.00 Cycling 9.00 WWF Wrestling 10.00 Weightlifting 11.00 Eurosport News 11.30 Figure Skating

SCREENSPORT
7.00am Boxing from the Forum 8.30 Powersports 9.30 Argentinian Football 11.00 Golf 1.00pm Motor Sport 2.00 The Sports Show 3.00 Sport en France 3.30 Boxing 5.00 Drag Racing NHRA 6.00 US College Football 8.00 Powersports 9.00 Snooker 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Sport en France 12.30am High Five

MTV
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE
10.00am Everyday Workout 10.30 Search for Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 Simply Marvellous 11.25 Spain Spain Holiday 11.35 The Edge of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm Body Talk 1.00 Great American Gameshows 2.10 Divorce Court 2.30 Remington Steele 3.30 Lifestyle Plus 3.40 Home Shop Lifestyle 4.05 Great American Gameshows 5.20 Tea Break 5.30 WKRP in Cincinnati 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 JSTV 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

BSB MOVIES
1.10pm The Movie Show
1.40 The Gallant Hours (1960, b/w): A tribute to the second world war US Admiral Bull Halsey (James Cagney)
3.55 Oh Rosalinda! (1955): Indulgent version of Strauss's opera *Die Fledermaus*
6.00 The Last Fling (1987): A bride-to-be determines to have one last fling
8.10 Partners (1982): Two Los Angeles cops go undercover to solve a murder in the gay community
10.00 Brothers in Arms (1989): Two brothers clash with a gang of mountain men
1.40 The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean (1972): Tongue-in-cheek western
1.50am Stand by Me (1986): Based on a Stephen King story, a tale of boyhood friendship and adventure in Fifties Oregon. Starring River Phoenix. Ends 3.35

BSB GALAXY
7.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 7.30 Mix-it 8.30 Playabout 8.45 Mrs Pepperpot 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Wife of the Week 10.00 The Movie Show 10.30 One False Move 11.00 Mr Ed 11.30 31 West 12.00 Time of Your Life 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Designing Women 1.30 Hart to Hart 2.30 The Young and the Restless 3.25 Sinbad Junior 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 *Danger Bay* 4.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 5.00 Mix-it 6.00 31 West 6.30 Time of Your Life 7.00 Till Death Us Do Part 7.30 One False Move 8.00 Police Story 9.00 Night Court 9.30 Doctor, Doctor 10.00 The Young Ones 10.30 Up Yer News! 10.45 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 11.45 The Movie Show 12.15am The Uncomfortable Case of Carson Jallop 1.00 Crazy Like a Fox 2.00 Maude 2.30 Live in 3.00 The Young and the Restless

BSB SPORT
1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Racing 2.00 Italian Football 4.00 Scottish Football Magazine 5.00 American Sports Cavalcade 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 Superpros 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 NFL: American Football 10.00 Sportsdesk 10.30 American Wrestling 11.30 Racing Today 12.00 Sportsdesk 12.30am NFL: American Football

BSB NOW
8.00am The Day Today 8.15 Getaway 8.45 Plat du Jour 9.00 The Day Today 9.15 The Jane Wallace Show 10.00 Left, Right and Centre 10.30 Aerobicise 11.00 Africa: The Kings and the City 12.00 The Day Today 12.15pm European Business Today 12.45 VIP 1.00 The Countryside Show 1.30 You Can Do It 1.45 Parenting 2.00 Going to Pot 2.30 The Jane Wallace Show 3.15 Plat du Jour 3.30 Mad about Animals 4.00 Selina Scott, The Power Game 4.45 The Wine Programme 5.15 Parenting 5.30 New Living 6.00 World Alive 6.30 The Countryside Show 7.00 First Edition 7.45 You Can Do It 8.00 Mad about Animals 8.30 On the House 9.00 Geraldo 9.45 Now Listen 10.00 Your World 11.00 Left, Right and Centre 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 First Edition 12.45am VIP

BSB POWER
7.00am Twenty-one hours of music

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Haydn (Symphony No 84 in E flat: Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Kuijken)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Tchaikovsky (Serenade for Strings: Orpheus CO); Schumann (Der Nussbaum: Richard Tauber, tenor); Brahms (Two Hungarian Dances, Nos 7 and 8: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Haitink); Bernstein (Three Dance Episodes, On the Town: St Louis SO under Slatkin)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Telemann. Part 2: Director Musices. Suite in C, Wasser-Ouvertur; Cantata, Alles redet itzt und singet
9.35 The Home Front: British film music made during, and on the subject of, the second world war. Including wartime recordings. Walton (Spitfire Prelude and Fugue: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Bach, arr Hess (Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring: Myra Hess, piano); Brodszky (Way to the Stars: Two Cities SO under Williams); Bax (Suite, Malta GC — excerpts: RPO under Alwyn); Chopin (Ballade No 1 in G minor: Eileen Joyce, piano); German (Nell Gwyn Dances: Hallé Orchestra under Leslie Heward); Walton, arr Palmer (A Wartime Sketchbook — excerpts: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Borodin (Overture, Prince Igor: Hallé Orchestra under Leslie Heward); Walton (Henry V, Suite: LPO and Choir under Carl Davis)
11.00 BBC Welsh SO under John Nelson performs Bernstein (Overture, Candide); John Adams (The Chairman Dances); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F); Berlioz (Symphonie fantastique, Op 14), incl 11.55 Interval Reading
1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Hall Recital: Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Ieuan Jones, harp, perform Boccherini (Sonata in C, Op 5 No 2, 1768); Dorati (Five Pieces for solo oboe); Dussek (Harp Sonata in C minor, Op 2 No 3); Khatchaturian (Oriental Dances; Toccata in E flat minor); Spohr (Sonata in Two Movements)
2.05 Music Weekly (r)
2.50 A View from the Tower (new series):
● CHOICE: Patrick Lambert's four-part series about the Czech composer Martinů is an *early appetiser for the rich* meal of his music which is featured in *Composer of the Week* beginning on December 10. But today's programme is more than an appetite-whetter. In breaking down into its principal components the view from the church tower in which Martinů was born 100 years ago, the series provides a plain man's guide to something which may always have stood between you and an enlightened appreciation of what Martinů was constantly striving to express
4.50 Music for Piano: The pianist Mark Anderson plays Mozart (Sonata in D, K 576); Bartók (Improvisations on Hungarian Peasant Songs, Op 20); Schumann (Toccata, Op 7)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear
7.25 The Royal Concert: Live from the Albert Hall, London, in the *presence of the Queen. ENO* Orchestra and Chorus under Mark Elder perform Gordon Jacob (Fanfare and National Anthem: Kneller Hall Trumpeters under Frank Renton); Wagner (Overture and Venusberg music from Tannhauser); Schubert, orch Liszt (Erl König); Beethoven, orch Stravinsky (Song of the Flea); Mussorgsky (Song of the Flea: Benjamin Luxon, baritone); Mascagni (Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana: Royal Choral Society under Harry Bicket); 8.20 A Victorian Coliseum. A tour of the Albert Hall (r); 8.30 Verdi (Act 1, Scenes 1 and 2, Simon Boccanegra)
9.45 Drama Now: First Night Nerves, by David Ashton. New Year's day, and resolutions turn into recriminations. With James Ellis as Ivan and Julie Covington as Maureen
10.25 The Delights of Music: In the final programme, John Whenham presents a selection from the 1633 song book of Benedetto Ferrari
10.50 Russian Piano Music: The pianist Janis Vakarelis performs Shostakovich (Three Fantastic Dances, Op 5); Prokofiev (Ten Pieces, Romeo and Juliet, Op 75)
11.30 Composers of the Week: Copland (r)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, with Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.57 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411
10.00 News; Medicine Now (new series) with Geoff Watts
10.30 Morning Story: Saturday Afternoon, Late in the Year, by Sylvia Christie. Read by Lesley Nicol
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Tales of Earth and Water (new series): Nigel Barley takes an anthropological ramble through Indonesia, beginning in the city of Jakarta (1 of 5) (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm Quote . . . Unquote: Nigel Rees with a new series of the popular quotation game. The guests are Anthony Jay, A.N. Wilson, Victor Spinetti and Gemma O'Connor (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Anne Reevell reappraises the life of Emily Brontë, the author of *Wuthering Heights*; and an examination of what Mrs Thatcher has done for women during the past ten years
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (FM only)
3.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre (LW only): Love to Madeleine.
● CHOICE: And what, you will rightly be wondering, has Craig Warner done since winning his 1989 Giles Cooper award for *By Where the Old Shed Used to Be*, his gruesome variation on the Cinderella theme? One thing *he has not done is lose his* touch because here is a razor-sharp gem of a play about an unfaithful wife (Miranda Richardson, getting a shade over-confident these days perhaps?) and the deceived husband (Richard E. Grant) who gets a mockingly ambiguous telephone call from the lover (Philip Davis). In fact, ambiguity is the keynote of the entire play, achieving twin apogees in the wife's one-sided conversations with someone who could equally well be husband or lover, and in the closing seconds which are cryptic enough to infuriate you if you believe all plays must have a nice, tidy, ending (s)
3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes (LW only) with Ronald Corp and John Andrews of the Finchley Children's Music Group (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Age To Age with Barry Cunliffe. Topics include the problem of rising sea levels in the Fens, and how stimulants from coffee to cannabis have been used for thousands of years
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Includes an interview with the pianist Alfred Brendel; a review of the new Radio 4 series *Arthur — the King*; and French singer Gabriel Yacub performs live in the studio (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Flying the Flag (new series): Part 1: Whose Rubbish Is It Anyway? Alex Shearer's wry observation, written in six-parts, of East-West diplomacy. With Dinsdale Landen as MacKenzie
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File On 4 with reporter Robin Lustig
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Southern Voices (new series): In the first of six talks about the Third World, the Iranian feminist Haleh Afshar discusses the Islamic oppression of women (r)
8.45 In Touch: The magazine for the visually handicapped looks at Christmas presents for the blind
9.15 Kaleidoscope (broadcast at 4.30pm) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Vedi, by Ved Mehta (2 of 8)
11.00 The Radio Programme (s) (r)
11.30 Today In Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Dave Lee Travis in the Afternoon 5.30 News '90 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 In My Life: Lennon Remembered (r) 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Bob Holness 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Michael Aspel 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 McKay the New (r) 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 Anne Shelton: Fifty Years in Showbusiness 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 Dave Dee with hits from the Fifties 1.00-4.00 Bill Rennells with Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 7.20 and 8.35 News from 2SL radio station in Sydney 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.45 Walking through History 11.00 Sport 11.02 Citizens (as Radio 4) 11.25 Sound Advice: Problems facing those diagnosed as HIV positive, incl 12.00 News; Sport 12.30pm Soundwaves 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (broadcast at 10.25am) 2.30 World Service, incl 3.00 Sport 4.00 Sport 4.05 Like a Magnet: Three personal stories of drug addiction 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 A Village by the Sea (part 6) 7.35 Is Anybody There? Eric Pringle's ghost story 8.00 Cult Heroes: James Bond 8.30 The Answerphone: The green movement. Tel: 0345 909 693 from 8pm 9.30 Hit the North, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service: Your World 11.23 Business Matters 11.38 The World Today 11.53 Words of Faith 11.58-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

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TODAY 14 YEARS AGO. KNOCKANDO YOU REMEMBER?

Patricia Hurst, the heiress who was kidnapped 3 years ago by the Symbionese Liberation Army and took part with them in a number of armed bank robberies is released from jail. Her father, whom she had earlier described as a 'fascist pig', puts up $1.5 million in surety.

Britain accuses Idi Amin of a cover-up over the murder of Mrs Dora Bloch, the skyjack hostage who disappeared after the Israeli raid on Entebbe earlier this year.

'Emmanuelle' and 'Texas Chain Saw Massacre' are both doing good business in the West End.

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Both dates are recorded on the label. The difference between the two is the age of Speyside's most singular, single malt whisky.

THE VINTAGE MALT

Mercury wins more customers from BT

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE number of domestic customers making calls on Mercury Communications' lines is rising sharply as the company broadens its assault on the British telecommunications market.

Mercury secured 7,000 new domestic customers in October, a jump of 75 per cent over the previous monthly growth rate. The company launched its first advertising campaign aimed at domestic customers on July 1. Since it began operations five years ago, Mercury has concentrated on the business market.

Although British Telecom connected 414,000 new customers in the year to end-September, an average of 34,500 a month, it has noted a sharp downturn in the rate of growth. A BT spokeswoman blamed the nationwide economic slowdown.

Mercury has also had success in gaining some of BT's most valued business customers. The number of business customers using Mercury has doubled, to about 30,000, in the past year.

Mercury claims to carry 13 per cent of international calls from Britain and to command 4 per cent of the British telecoms market, measured by revenue. The company says call growth is rising 8 per cent a month.

With 85 British towns and cities linked by its trunk network, Mercury says it can serve 70 per cent of Britain, offering significant cost savings on off-peak calls over 35kms. Calls are routed over BT exchange lines between the home and local exchanges at either end, but travel on Mercury wires for the long-distance element of the connection.

To use Mercury services, domestic customers pay an annual fee of £8.63 and must have a telephone that can be programmed to dial two extra digits in front of the number called. That ensures it is routed over the Mercury network. A Mercury spokesman claimed typical cost savings of 25 per cent on an off-peak call routed via Mercury.

Mercury believes many households with a quarterly bill of more than £75 could save money by switching from BT to Mercury.

The most convincing evidence of Mercury's ability to capture customers from BT comes from Hull. The town's telephone system is run by the local authority and Mercury claims 55 per cent of all calls made beyond the town now travel on its wires.

Mercury now has 65,000 domestic customers, up 25,000 in the past four months. BT has 18 million, but claims about three-quarters make too few calls to be profitable.

Millwall losses deepen to £848,000

By Our City Staff

MILLWALL Holdings, the USM parent of the south London football club that was relegated to the second division at the end of last season, unveiled pre-tax losses of £848,000 in the ten months to end-May, against £717,000 loss in the previous year.

Income from the first nine home games is ahead by 4.3 per cent and the club will play 23 home games, compared with 19 in the first division. Television revenue has been hit with a second division base fee of £60,000, compared with £200,000 before.

Turnover advanced from £2.73 million to £4 million, boosted by Tavern Leisure, acquired for £10 million in March. Tavern, the public house chain, made post-acquisition losses of £101,000, from "a very limited number of units in operation".

Group operating losses stood at £333,000, compared with a profit of £364,000 last time. There were transfer fee losses of £461,000 after the club bought Paul Goddard and Malcolm Allen, against previous losses of £929,000.

The company said that it was determined to balance transfer dealings in the trading period and if there was any significant signing, players of equal financial worth would have to be sold.

Lewisham council's planning committee will next month consider Millwall's proposal to relocate to a new purpose-built 25,000 all-seater stadium. The present stadium would be demolished to make way for a housing scheme.

The loss per share was trimmed from 1.87p to 1.27p. Assets per share stood at 6.2p, against liabilities of 2.5p last time.

Shares were unchanged at 5p, compared with a flotation price of 20p a year ago.

Alan Paul ahead to £1.5m

DES JENSON

Confident: Alan Moss, right, and Michael Rowland, the managing director

By Jonathan Prynn

ALAN Paul, the quoted hairdresser and beauty products retailer, has announced near tripled first half pre-tax profits of £1.5 million following the recent acquisition of Essanelle, the European hairdressing group.

A five month contribution from Essanelle, bought for £8.5 million in May, increased turnover for the six months to end-September to £21.8 million (£3.1 million). Earnings per share were up 24 per cent to 5.6p. The 1p interim dividend is an 11 per cent improvement on last year.

A further 40 Alan Paul Hairdressing salons have been opened since the year end, taking the total to 136. Alan Moss, the chairman, reported strong demand for hairdressing franchises.

Essanelle, which operates 230 concessions in department stores in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and Britain, including House of Fraser and D H Evans, has been integrated into the group. During the first half, Essanelle opened its first salon in East Germany.

The Body & Face Place, a chain of beauty product shops, opened eight shops in the first half, including its first in Germany, taking the total to 77.

Mr Moss said: "Throughout the group there has been a positive start to the second half year and I am confident that the group can achieve further profitable growth."

Logitek in 16p fall on return

TRADING in Logitek, the computer services company, recommenced with a 16p fall to 40p after it forecast a slide in interim profits to end-September. Shares were suspended ten days ago at 56p at the company's request after an analyst's profit downgrading prompted a sudden price fall. Yesterday's closing price marks a sharp recovery from the 24.5p to which the shares fell immediately after the lifting of the suspension.

The company said that problems at two subsidiaries and higher interest charges meant that pre-tax profits for the first half would be about £500,000 (£1.3 million). The firm said that full year profits will fall short of the £3.8 million last year.

Handley-Walker in French buy

By Philip Pangalos

HANDLEY-Walker Group, the USM-quoted management consultancy, is strengthening its European presence with a French acquisition and extending its network into Holland in a bid to reduce the group's exposure to the UK market.

The group is forming Handley-Walker SA, a joint-venture company which will acquire BCD & Associates, a French consultancy. The new company will be 50 per cent owned by Handley-Walker and 50 per cent by Patrick Boeri and Jean Paul Deville, BCD's two principals, who will initially receive 5,000 Handley-Walker shares. The group has an option to acquire the remaining 50 per cent of the French company for a maximum total of Fr6 million, depending on future profits.

Handley-Walker is also forming a joint-venture with Rijnconsult, a Dutch consultancy experienced in public sector consulting, in the first phase in establishing an integrated network of specialised European consultancies.

Peter Smith, Handley-Walker's chairman, said: "The management consultancy market in continental Europe is growing steadily and we are delighted to extend our network into Holland and strengthen our presence in France."

Kewill computes 34% interim rise

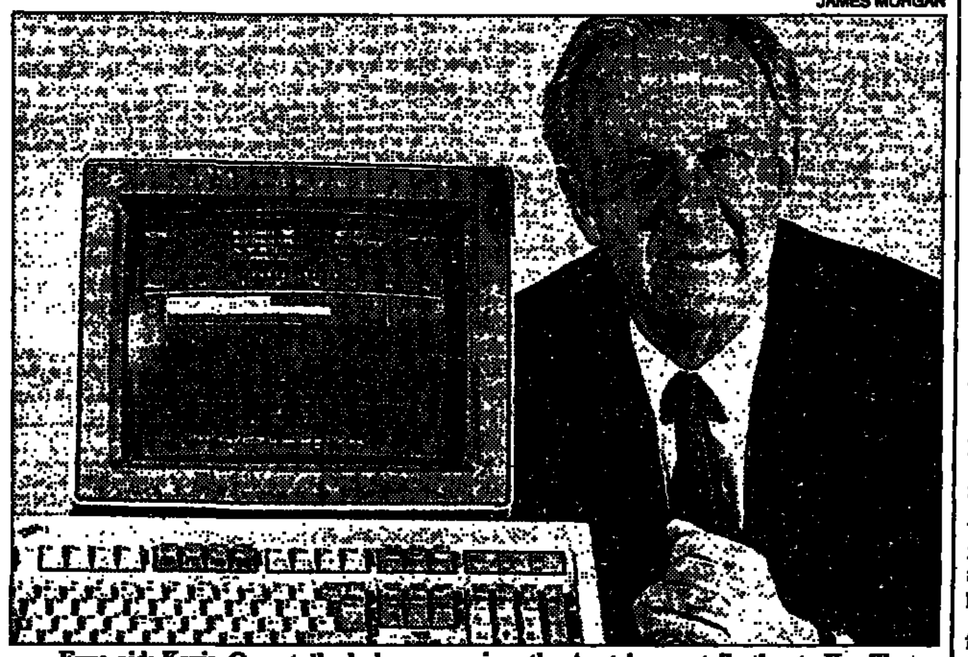
By Our City Staff

KEWILL Systems, the USM-quoted computer software group, lifted interim pre-tax profits 34 per cent to £1.51 million to end-September.

Kevin Overstall, Kewill's chairman, said that UK profits were down sharply, from £1.13 million to £693,000 at the trading level, but other European operations had helped to offset this.

Mr Overstall said the company benefited from a strong contribution from HAN Dataport, a Vienna developer of computer-aided design software mainly used in German-speaking countries. Group turnover surged to £15.9 million (£8.06 million), boosted by acquisitions. Earnings per share climb to 12.02p (11.03p) with diluted earnings up to 11.38p (10.12p). Again, there is no interim dividend. Shares rose 8p to 158p.

JAMES MORGAN



Euro aid: Kevin Overstall, chairman, praises the Austrian contribution to Kewill

Bank taps continental credit card market

By Our City Staff

BANK of Scotland is to invest £500,000 in a credit card processing joint venture with a German bank to tap into the under-developed but fast-growing credit card market on the Continent.

The partner is Quelle Bank, a subsidiary of Schickedanz, the privately owned German mail-order, financial services and industrial group, which is launching a visa credit card targeted at its 30 million existing customers.

Initially the relationship will involve Bank of Scotland's card services centre at Dunfermline, Fife, processing Quelle Bank-issued visa cards. Bank of Scotland already handles third party processing for credit cards issued by the Halifax and National & Provincial building societies, the AA and Chase Manhattan Bank.

Phase two will involve the formation of a jointly owned venture based in Nuremberg early next year offering credit card processing facilities to third parties, initially in Germany.

Chris Brobbel, assistant general manager of Bank of Scotland's card services, said Quelle had wanted its credit cards to be processed by a bank not directly involved in the German market. Bank of Scotland has a share in a small credit card processing joint venture in Milan.

"Quelle's existing customer base within Europe coupled with our extensive third party processing experience in Britain provides a solid foundation on which to build a share fo the under-developed credit card market in Europe," Mr Brobbel said.

Lopex has to restate interim

By Martin Waller

LOPEX, the advertising and marketing group, has restated its last set of interim profits after the discovery that about £600,000 in earnings were overstated by its most profitable operating subsidiary.

As a result pre-tax profits to end-June come out at £3.41 million, against £4.01 million announced in September. The overstatement was by RCF, the direct mail company bought in August 1988, which had contributed £3.02 million to the figures first reported.

Ray Fine, chairman and chief executive of RCF, has resigned from Lopex "to pursue personal interests" after the discovery of the overstatement. Lord Marsh, the Lopex chairman, refused to say if Mr Fine had been dismissed or whether his contract of service, which entitles him to a salary in excess of £100,000 a year, would be honoured.

Lopex has been released from having to make any further earn-out payments to Mr Fine. RCF was initially bought for £4.5 million, but under the earn-out arrangement Mr Fine was to be paid another £4.3 million if certain profit targets were reached.

Lopex's shares have fallen from 205p a year ago to an unchanged 65p yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Birmingham Mint dividend attacked

IMI, the engineering company, has posted its offer document to shareholders of Birmingham Mint, the coin making company for which it has launched a £12.2 million hostile takeover bid. The firm claims that Birmingham Mint may have difficulty maintaining last year's 5.5p dividend on the consensus forecast earnings per share of 8p for the year to end March, as this would leave the payout covered only 1.5 times.

The document also said shareholders had suffered a £16 million erosion of value since December 1986 when Birmingham Mint's market capitalisation was £11 million and since when it has issued £13.6 million of new shares. Birmingham Mint said that its forthcoming defence document would "illustrate the group's strength in its specialist engineering operations and in its unique minting operations compared with the weakness of IMI's position in the minting market".

Emmet falls to Ir£85,000

R&J EMMET, the USM manufacturer of cream liqueur and snack foods in the Irish Republic, suffered a fall in pre-tax interim profits to Ir£85,000 (Ir£184,000) to end-June. Turnover advanced to Ir£4.71 million (Ir£2.99 million) boosted by a full contribution from Irish Snack Foods. Earnings per share fall to 0.6p (1.17p), but the interim dividend is kept at 1.25p.

Harland rises to £2.51m

HARLAND Simon Group, the automation and drive controls systems maker, unveiled a 45.5 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £2.51 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover ahead by 31 per cent to £29.3 million. Harland said it has continued to experience "satisfactory order intake". The interim dividend is improved by 33 per cent to 2p.

Pelican at £263,000

PELICAN Group, the restaurants group which came to the USM in September, served up interim pre-tax profits of £263,000 (£30,000) to end-September. The company is run by Roger Myers, who brought Theme Holdings to the Third Market in 1987.

Pelican has nine restaurants using three themes. The group achieved a turnover of £2.63 million. Earnings per share jumped from 0.4p to 3.9p. There is no interim dividend, but one is planned in 1991 in respect of the year to end-March 1991. Shares were unchanged at 31p, after touching 35p.

Priest bidder posts terms

INTERNATIONAL Marine, the American group bidding £46.6 million for Benjamin Priest, the engineering firm, has posted its offer document to shareholders in the West Midlands company. The document points to a 58.1 per cent fall in Benjamin Priest's share price since its acquisition of Lewmar, the yachting equipment manufacturer, in 1987.

ShopElectric link for BT

BRITISH Telecom and the state-owned Northern Ireland Electricity signed a trading agreement under which BT products and services are to be offered at the 52 NIE ShopElectric showrooms, as one-stop outlets, around the province. The first such deal concluded between BT and any UK electricity company is expected to be followed by others in mainland Britain.

Merchant setback

INTERIM pre-tax profits at Merchant Retail Group, the supermarket and department store operator formerly Normans Group, fell to £1.37 million (£1.98 million) to September 29.

Operating profits from Normans Superwarehouses advanced 34 per cent to £2.35 million. The Joplings division contribution to trading profits rose 16 per cent to £803,000. Bandanga, the tea and coffee plantations division for sale, saw profits slump from £150,000 to £14,000. Group turnover slipped to £74.1 million (£76.6 million). Earnings per share fall to 1.2p (2.07p) but the interim dividend is kept at 1.1p.

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- ***Distribution*** — The 'DAKS Companions' range of accessories
- ***Contract*** — Suppliers of tailored clothing to Marks and Spencer
- ***Retailing*** — Simpson Piccadilly, London's leading speciality store

Results in brief

Year ended 31st July	1990 £'000	1989 £'000
Turnover	69,618	63,718
Profit before tax	4,163	5,298
Profit after tax	2,669	3,311
Earnings per share	41.4p	51.4p
Ordinary Dividends	11.75p	10.95p

Copies of the Report & Accounts can be obtained from The Secretary

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WORLD MARKET INDICES

Index	Value	Daily ch'ge (£)	Yearly ch'ge (£)	Daily ch'ge (lc)*	Yearly ch'ge (lc)*	Daily ch'ge (US$)	Yearly ch'ge (US$)
The World	564.8	0.9	-33.0	1.3	-24.1	1.4	-18.0
(free)	108.0	0.9	-33.1	1.2	-24.1	1.4	-18.0
EAFE	989.7	1.3	-36.5	1.4	-31.4	1.8	-22.2
(free)	101.7	1.4	-36.6	1.3	-31.6	1.8	-22.3
Europe	803.6	1.2	-20.7	1.4	-18.0	1.7	-2.8
(free)	130.7	1.2	-20.0	1.2	-17.6	1.7	-2.0
Nth America	397.6	0.1	-26.1	0.6	-9.4	0.6	-9.5
Nordic	1108.1	-0.4	-28.8	-0.1	-23.4	0.1	-12.8
(free)	185.5	-0.7	-21.1	-0.5	-15.7	-0.3	-3.4
Pacific	2167.4	1.4	-45.4	1.4	-39.6	1.9	-33.1
Far East	3138.6	1.6	-45.8	1.4	-40.5	2.0	-33.6
Australia	232.2	-1.0	-33.1	0.6	-15.2	-0.5	-18.1
Austria	1326.0	1.6	-10.8	1.5	-5.2	2.1	9.3
Belgium	717.1	0.1	-27.2	0.4	-24.0	0.5	-10.8
Canada	395.4	-0.7	-34.1	-0.1	-19.0	-0.2	-19.3
Denmark	1139.9	-0.5	-13.4	-0.2	-9.2	0.0	6.1
Finland	64.6	0.3	-44.0	0.3	-40.0	0.8	-31.3
(free)	87.8	0.6	-41.1	0.6	-37.0	1.1	-27.9
France	611.8	1.2	-24.3	1.6	-20.5	1.7	-7.3
Germany	724.4	1.9	-21.1	2.2	-16.1	2.4	-3.3
Hong Kong	1911.6	0.8	-13.8	1.3	5.4	1.3	5.6
Italy	254.0	-0.3	-34.1	0.0	-29.5	0.2	-19.3
Japan	3297.6	1.6	-46.5	1.4	-41.6	2.1	-34.5
Netherlands	723.6	0.2	-23.5	0.5	-18.7	0.7	-6.2
New Zealand	57.1	1.7	-44.6	2.3	-33.8	2.2	-32.2
Norway	1112.5	-2.3	-17.1	-2.0	-11.5	-1.8	1.5
(free)	195.4	-2.5	-16.4	-2.3	-10.7	-2.1	2.5
Sing/Malay	1372.1	1.2	-31.2	1.5	-24.2	1.7	-15.7
Spain	172.4	0.9	-27.2	0.8	-24.0	1.4	-10.8
Sweden	1146.0	0.2	-34.7	0.4	-28.7	0.7	-20.0
(free)	171.3	-0.1	-29.3	0.1	-22.8	0.4	-13.3
Switzerland	723.9	1.2	-20.8	1.6	-21.9	1.7	-3.0
(free)	110.4	1.3	-20.9	1.7	-21.9	1.8	-3.1
UK	627.8	1.7	-12.9	1.7	-12.9	2.2	6.6
USA	360.5	0.1	-25.4	0.6	-8.6	0.6	-8.6

(lc) Local currency. Source: Morgan Stanley Capital International.*

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ECU Tst	40	Smaller IT	80 +1
EFM Java Tst	36	Stand Platform	190
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Golden Vale	43	Utd Energy	1¼
Invergordon	134 +1	Utd Uniform	110
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Levercrest	98	Cauldon N/P	2 +¼
MMI	22	Eurotunnel Pack N/P	163 +55
M & W Plc	74 -1	Low (Wm) N/P	17 -2
Malaysia Capital	£6⅛	Prop Tst N/P	¼
Midland Radio	89	Propeller N/P	¼
Nthn Investors	165 -10	Unichem N/P	18
Paramount	9½ +¼	Vivat N/P	½

(Issue price in brackets).

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	277	CU	413	Lonrho	3,405	Siebe	467
Abbey Nat	2,587	Cookson	622	Lucas	4,864	Slough	195
Alld-Lyons	2,160	Courtaulds	592	Manpower	138	Smith & N	2,058
Amstrad	2,026	Dalgety	761	M&S	3,256	SK Beech	2,610
Anglian	1,768	Dixons	1,066	Maxwell Cm	110	Do Uts	588
Argos	1,384	ECC	735	MB Group	489	Smith WH	520
ASDA	1,478	Enterprise	645	MEPC	745	Smiths Ind	435
AB Foods	227	Ferranti	362	Midland	1,582	STC	369
Argyll	3,410	Fisons	1,048	Nat West	4,795	Stan Chart	226
BAA	879	FKI	2,489	Next	1,402	Storehse	1,074
BET	2,090	Gen Acc	1,343	Nth Food	274	Sun Allnce	1,863
BTR	4,367	GEC	5,554	P&O	1,001	Sun Life	1
BAT	2,446	Glaxo	1,779	Pearson	182	T & N	1,601
Barclays	1,708	Glynwed	305	Pilkington	2,970	TI Group	580
Bass	312	Granada	1,762	Polly Peck	n/a	Tarmac	2,368
Beazer	44	Grand Met	2,664	Prudential	4,800	Tate & Lyle	1,504
Berisfd Intl	428	GUS 'A'	571	Racal	5,679	Taylor Wd	1,104
BICC	976	GRE	3,234	Racal Tele	1,548	TSB	1,675
Blue Circle	1,063	GKN	1,141	Rk Hovis	869	Tesco	2,101
BOC	563	Guinness	1,289	Rank	881	Thames Wtr	179
Boots	3,568	Hamm 'A'	39	R&C	177	Thorn EMI	2,101
BPB	1,159	Hanson	7,005	Redland	2,569	Trafalgar	1,417
Br Aero	847	Do Wts	2,081	Reed	308	THF	1,408
Br Airways	4,173	H & C	2,544	Reuters	1,406	Ultramar	1,173
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Br Land	521	Hillsdown	4,198	RTZ	2,489	Unilever	1,024
Br Petrol	7,388	IMI	522	R-Royce	3,112	United Bis	1,124
Br Steel	9,915	ICI	1,924	Rothmn 'B'	189	United News	458
Br Telecom	3,536	Inchcape	1,234	Royal Bank	1,820	Wellcome	335
Bunzl	2,164	Kingfisher	2,396	Royal Ins	1,396	Welsh	89
Burmah Cast	612	Lasmo	302	Saatchi	570	Wessex	409
Burton	9,716	Ladbroke	1,925	Sainsbury	1,748	Whitbrd	1,418
C&W	4,111	Land Sec	530	Scot & N	1,273	Wig Teape	533
Cadbury	1,102	Laporte	656	Sears	3,528	Williams	735
Calor	268	L&G	826	Sedgwick	891	Willis Cor	2,641
Carlton	181	Lloyds	3,026	Severn Trnt	2,185	Wimpey G	610
Coats	1,444	Lloyds Abb	792	Shell	6,562		

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2556.68 (+6.43)*
S&P Composite .... 318.16 (+1.04)*

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 23518.16 (+346.53)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3042.58 (+33.92)

FT-SE Eurotrack .... 972.67 (+14.66)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 96.9 (+1.4)
Sydney: AO .... 1348.0 (+8.0)
Frankfurt: DAX .... 1467.47 (+41.79)

Brussels:
General .... 5082.28 (+11.68)
Paris: CAC .... 426.71 (+4.64)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 471.6 (+4.4)

London:
FT—A All-Share .... 1009.06 (+12.57)
FT — "500" .... 1108.97 (+14.55)
FT. Gold Mines .... 155.0 (-2.4)
FT. Fixed interest .... 88.48 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs .... 80.65 (+0.20)

Bargains 22369
SEAQ Volume 400.6m
USM (Datastream) .... 104.71 (+0.86)

*Denotes latest trading price

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Grand Met .... 590p (+13p)
Guinness .... 747½p (+17p)
RMC Group .... 624p (+12p)
Taylor Woodrow .... 222p (+11p)
Ward Group .... 130p (+10p)
Laporte .... 479½p (+10p)
BICC .... 334p (+11p)
Thorn EMI .... 636½p (+18p)
Tate & Lyle .... 270p (+10p)
A Kershaw .... 460p (+10p)
BOC .... 465½p (+16p)
BTR .... 305p (+12p)
Bowater .... 461p (+19p)
Inchcape .... 240½p (+12p)
Enterprise .... 628½p (+13p)

FALLS:

Elys (Wimbledon) .... 950p (-25p)
ECC Group .... 298½p (-15p)
Edbro .... 97½p (-10p)
Usher Walker .... 250p (-12p)
WPP .... 279p (-69½p)

Closing prices

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Alld Lyon (*479)	420	64	82	87	3½	7	11
	460	33	52	58	13	18	24
	500	14	32	38	33	37	44
ASDA (*129)	110	22	-	-	2	-	-
	120	15	-	-	5	-	-
	130	9	14	-	8½	12	-
Bass (*1033)	950	90	127	145	14	25	32
	1000	55	95	115	32	44	50
	1050	30	65	87	60	76	78
Boots (*338)	280	62	74	79	1½	4	5
	300	45	57	61	3½	6	10
	330	21	38	43	11	15	20
Brit Air (*141)	130	18	26	28	4	7	12
	140	11	18	20	8	14	17
	160	4½	10	14	22	24	28
BP (*324)	330	14	22	30	15	20	24
	360	5	12	18	40	41	43
	390	2½	6	-	68	68	-
Brit Steel (*115)	110	12	18	19	3	4	6
	120	5	9½	12	8	9½	13
	130	3	6	8½	16	16½	19
C & W (*424)	390	50	68	78	8	15	21
	420	31	48	59	19	28	33
	460	12	29	38	45	50	55
Com Union (*469)	420	68	78	85	3	10	14
	460	34	48	60	11	22	27
	500	15	28	42	32	43	47
Courtauld (*318)	300	24	37	42	9	18	17
	330	9	22	28	25	28	33
	360	3	11	-	51	53	-
GKN (*305)	280	36	46	50	5	14	18
	300	28	31	41	12	22	25
	330	10	18	28	28	39	43
Grand Met (*590)	500	100	108	122	4	7	12
	550	58	70	88	10	20	28
	600	27	43	58	30	43	48
ICI (*868)	800	94	112	112	11	30	37
	850	55	67	85	27	50	58
	900	28	42	60	55	82	90
Kingfisher (*368)	330	69	84	-	2½	5	-
	360	45	62	67	8	12	16
	390	24	45	47	16	21	26
Ladbroke (*279)	260	32	42	47	5	10	13
	280	19	30	35	13	17	20
	300	9	19	-	28	28	-
Land Sec (*526)	460	75	92	99	3½	6	11
	500	43	62	69	10	16	23
	550	16	33	40	35	40	45
M & S (*256)	220	30	39	42	3	5	8
	240	16	28	29	10	13	16
	260	6½	13	19	22	24	27
STC (*317)	280	40	41	41	2	3	3
	300	22½	23	24½	4	5	7
	330	3	3½	4½	21	22	23
Sainsbury (*296)	280	27	38	42	4	8	10
	300	14	26	31	12	15	18
	330	4½	18	18	35	36	37
Shell (*438)	420	36	42	53	10	18	19
	460	13	21	33	30	42	43
	500	5	11	18	67	68	68
Smith Beech (*590)	500	97	116	127	2½	8	10
	550	53	75	90	9	16	22
	600	23	45	60	32	36	42
Storehse (*126)	120	12	17	21	5	8	8½
	130	7½	13	16	11	13	15
	140	4½	7	10½	17	19	20
Trafalgar (*163)	160	17	21	28	15	23	29
	180	8	14	14	30	35	40
	200	4	8	9	48	50	57
Ultramar (*338)	300	48	55	65	5	7	10
	330	28	35	45	12	15	20
	360	12	23	31	28	32	33
Unilever (*649)	600	72	92	102	9	18	20
	650	37	60	72	25	35	45
	700	16	37	50	55	62	67
	750	6	20	-	100	100	-
Utd Bisc (*320)	300	32	40	45	5½	12	14
	330	14	22	29	19	26	28
	360	5	10	-	42	45	-

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*377)	360	35	51	53	14	20	25
	390	21	36	36	29	35	38
	420	12	22	-	53	57	-
BAT Ind (*583)	500	90	108	112	6	13	18
	550	60	70	78	17	28	35
	600	23	40	52	43	57	60
	650	9	-	-	83	-	-
BTR (*305)	280	40	45	52	5	13	15
	300	25	31	40	12	20	22
	330	12	18	-	30	37	-
Brit Aero (*537)	500	65	72	83	16	25	30
	550	32	42	55	32	48	52
	600	17	24	-	75	80	-
Brit Tele (*278)	240	42	50	55	3	5	7
	260	27	37	42	7½	10	14
	280	15	25	29	16½	18½	22
Cadbury (*326)	300	40	45	53	7	13	14
	330	20	29	37	15	25	28
	360	9	16	-	36	43	-
Guinness (*748)	650	122	135	152	4½	10	14
	700	80	98	117	14	25	30
	750	50	68	87	33	45	47
GEC (*189)	160	33	37	39	3	4	6
	180	17½	23	27	7½	9½	12½
	200	7½	12½	16	17	20	22
Hanson (*188)	180	12	19	22	9	11	13
	200	4½	10	13	22	24	25
	220	1½	5	-	41	42	-
LASMO (*417)	390	47	60	70	12	15	18
	420	30	40	55	20	27	32
	460	14	25	35	49	52	54
P & O (*498)	460	65	75	85	14	27	30
	500	42	50	64	28	45	46
	550	18	30	-	62	75	-
Pilkington (*146)	140	15	22	22	7	9	13
	160	6	11	11	20	21	25
	180	3½	5½	-	38	37	-
Polly Peck Suspended	280	½	½	-	-	-	-
	300	½	½	-	-	-	-
	330	½	½	-	-	-	-
Prudential (*200)	180	35	38	42	3	5	7
	200	20	24	30	9	11	14
	220	9	14	19	18	23	24
Racal (*189)	160	38	45	49	4	7½	9
	180	24	30	39	9	13	16
	200	13	20	23	20	23	27
RTZ (*429)	390	60	69	77	7	18	21
	420	38	49	60	18	32	34
	460	18	27	39	39	52	55
Scot & New (*377)	300	83	95	-	2	4	-
	330	56	70	76	5	9	14
	360	35	50	56	14	18	28
Tesco (*228)	200	37	42	47	2	4½	5½
	220	21	28	33	6½	10	12
	240	9	16	22	18	19	21
Thames Wtr (*238)	210	35	-	-	3	-	-
	230	19	-	-	9	-	-
	240	12	20	24	14	17	21
Wtr Package (*22348)	2200	210	-	-	70	-	-
	2250	170	-	-	85	-	-
	2300	140	-	-	110	-	-

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	-	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	-
Ferranti (*16)	20	2	-	-	6	-	-
	25	¼	-	-	10	-	-
	29	¼	-	-	14	-	-

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Lucas (*135)	110	30	34	38	2½	6	8
	120	23	28	32	5	8	10
	130	15	20	25	8	13	14

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Reuters (*643)	600	60	93	115	17	48	60
	650	32	68	93	37	70	80
	700	15	50	73	73	100	110

	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Calls Apr	Puts Dec	Puts Feb	Puts Apr
Fisons (*373)	330	48	57	64	1½	5	8
	360	21	35	43	7	14	18
	390	6	18	27	22	27	31

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Mar	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat (*222)	200	24	31	34	2	5	7
	220	8	17	22	8	14	15
	240	1½	8	13	23	25	26
Amstrad (*65)	50	18	19	23	1	3	3½
	60	8	12	15	2	4½	7½
	70	3	7	9	7	9½	11
Barclays (*365)	330	40	55	60	3	14	16
	357	19	-	-	10	-	-
	393	5	-	-	33	-	-
Blue Circ (*208)	200	17	28	32	5	10	14
	220	6	17	22	16	20	24
	240	3	10	15	31	32	36
Brit Gas (*223)	200	25	30	36	1	4½	7
	220	9	16	23	4½	10	13
	240	2	7	13	20	24	26
Dixons (*144)	130	20	23	28	2	6	10
	140	11	16	22	5	8	12
	160	3	7	14	16	20	23
Glaxo (*778)	750	50	85	107	11	23	32
	800	18	57	77	33	44	52
	850	5½	32	-	72	77	-
Hawker (*424)	390	45	63	70	8	15	23
	420	25	40	47	17	26	36
	460	6	22	28	38	45	57
Hillsdown (*255)	240	21	34	39	4	8	12
	260	8	21	27	12	17	20
	280	3½	13	18	27	29	31
Lonrho (*205)	180	31	34	38	2	6	10
	200	14	19	25	7	17	18
Midland (*192)	180	20	27	33	5	14	21
	200	10	19	23	15	26	31
	220	3	8	15	30	38	43
R-Royce (*162)	140	25	31	32	2	4½	6½
	160	10	18	20	7	11	14
	180	2	9½	11	20	21	24
Sears (*84)	70	17	21	23	1	2	3½
	80	8	12	15	2½	5½	7
	90	3	8	10	8	11	12
THF (*257)	240	34	44	45	2	5½	9
	260	18	28	32	5½	11	18
	280	5½	17	-	18	19	-
Thorn EMI (*637)	600	48	65	82	11	20	23
	650	12	37	52	35	40	42
	700	3½	22	-	80	80	-
TSB (*131)	120	15	18	22	1	4	4½
	130	7	13	15	3½	7	11
	140	3½	7	12	11	14	18
Vaal Reefs (*$63)	60	9	13	17	3	7	10
	70	4	8	12	10	13	15
Wellcome (*367)	390	9	24	36	28	35	40
	420	4	16	27	53	57	60
	460	2	9	16	92	92	92

FT-SE INDEX (*2095)

	1900	1950	2000	2050	2100	2150
Calls						
Nov	207	160	125	80	38	16
Dec	253	206	165	125	87	61
Jan	245	216	163	130	110	92
Feb	282	222	183	170	123	111
Jun	318	-	266	-	190	-
Puts						
Nov	3	5	9	14	28	60
Dec	13½	20	26	37	53	87
Jan	24	29	41	53	75	102
Feb	33	45	53	66	83	127
Jun	53	-	80	-	113	-

November 19, 1990 Total: 25868 Calls 14893 Puts 10969 FT-SE: Calls 3526 Puts 2615
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings November 12 · Last Dealings November 23 · Last Declaration February 21 · For Settlement March 4

Call options were taken out on: 19/11/90 Amstrad, Aviva Petroleum, BP, Erskine House, Eurotunnel Uts, Glencar, Monument Oil & Gas, Tullow Oil, Tuskar Res. Put: YJ Lovell.

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BUSINESS

City Editor
John Bell

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 20 1990

Jeweller fears late rush at Christmas

GOLDSMITHS Group, the retail jeweller that returned to the stock market in January after a three-year absence, is finding trading conditions tough. Jurek Piasecki, the group's chairman and chief executive, says Goldsmiths first felt the retail recession in June.

Mr Piasecki predicts the Christmas rush this year will come late for the company. "We have been targeting for sales growth of 10 per cent but budgeting for zero," he says. The items he expects will sell well are middle-range watches, such as Gucci and Omega, and diamond jewellery. Goldsmiths also has the distribution agreement for Cartier.

The group made pre-tax profits of £44,000 in the six months to September 1, compared with £880,000 last year. Sales rose 13 per cent to £18.1 million. The interim dividend was 1.5p. Earnings per share were 0.13p.

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Emap growth conquers trend

Emap, the magazine and newspaper publisher, managed an increase in pre-tax profits from £13.4 million to £13.6 million in the six months to September 29, despite the downturn in the publishing industry. As a sign of confidence in the business's underlying strength, the interim dividend is raised from 1.72p to 1.9p.

The group saw underlying profit growth of 8 per cent. The biggest contribution was from its consumer magazines division, which publishes *Smash Hits*, *Q* and a range of other leisure publications.

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Diploma eases

Diploma, the electronics, building components and special steels group, is enjoying the challenge of recession and believes it performed well against a tough background in 1990. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-September eased from £19.5 million to £19 million, on a turnover of £149 million (£137.8 million.) A maintained 6.25p final dividend makes an unchanged 8.5p for the year.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.9715 (+0.0050)
German mark
2.9066 (+0.0158)
Exchange index
94.0 (+0.2)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1648.0 (+33.2)
FT-SE 100
2095.9 (+27.9)
New York Dow Jones
2556.68 (+6.43)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23518.16 (+346.53)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month Interbank 13²¹/₃₂-13⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 13⁹/₁₆-13½%
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 7⁹/₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.09-7.07%*
30-year bonds 102²³/₃₂-102²⁵/₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.9715	£: $1.9715*
£: DM2.9066	$: DM1.4740*
£: SwFr2.4575	$: SwFr1.2460*
£: FFr9.7954	$: FFr4.9730*
£: Yen254.33	$: Yen129.00*
£: Index:94.0	$: Index:59.8
ECU £0.705837	SDR £0.738012
£: ECU1.416757	£: SDR1.354991

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $377.80 pm-$377.80
close $379.50-380.00 (£192.25-192.75)
New York:
Comex $379.40-379.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) ..... $30.50 bbl ($30.00)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.66	2.51
Austria Sch	21.35	20.05
Belgium Fr	62.70	58.70
Canada $	2.392	2.262
Denmark Kr	11.63	10.93
Finland Mkk	7.35	6.90
France Fr	10.19	9.99
Germany Dm	3.03	2.84
Greece Dr	318	298
Hong Kong $	15.89	15.09
Ireland Pt	1.135	1.065
Italy Lira	2280	2145
Japan Yen	267.50	252.50
Netherlands Gld	3.40	3.20
Norway Kr	11.85	11.15
Portugal Esc	267.50	251.50
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.60
Spain Pta	191	179
Sweden Kr	11.34	10.70
Switzerland Fr	2.56	2.40
Turkey Lira	5700	5200
USA $	2.055	1.955
Yugoslavia Dnr	33.00	21.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 130.3 (October)

Prudential faces £250m loss by sale of estate agencies

By NEIL BENNETT
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PRUDENTIAL Corporation is pulling out of estate agency at a potential loss of more than £250 million.

The insurance group announced it is selling Prudential Property Managers' loss-making chain of 500 branches because it no longer saw it as a "key activity".

SG Warburg, the merchant bank, has been commissioned to look for buyers for either the whole or parts of the chain. Mick Newmarch, the chief executive, said the business was likely to fetch less than £80 million, compared with the £330 million the group has invested in the last five year.

Mr Newmarch said: "It was not an easy decision to make, but we have to have market leadership in all our businesses and the investment we needed to make in estate agency did not stack up against the rewards."

The Pru's decision to sell its chain is an about-turn turn from its entry into the business five years ago, when it planned to build a nationwide chain of 1,000 branches.

At the time, estate agents were believed to be an ideal opportunity to sell savings and pension products to prospective house buyers. At its height, the Pru owned the largest chain in Britain with more than 800 offices.

The expanding chain was hit by the slump in the housing market. It lost £48.9 million last year, and £23.7 million in the first six months of the year. Earlier this year, the Pru wrote off £220 million of goodwill accumulated through the acquisition of regional branches.

Mr Newmarch said estate agency was a local business. "It is a cottage industry. To try to replace that with a corporate structure is very complicated. I am sure it can be done but there is a question over what control you can have over the business. Selling houses is profitable but the business clearly cannot support a high level of central overheads. The agencies offer a strong opportunity to sell endowments, but it is not a significant contributor to our business."

Mr Newmarch said the group had decided to sell the agencies immediately, because their continuing losses would wipe out any gain the company could make by waiting until the housing market recovered.

The decision to sell stemmed from a report by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte which Mr Newmarch commissioned last year while he temporarily ran the chain before taking up his appointment as chief executive in April.

Mr Newmarch admitted the chain is likely to be broken up before it can be sold, since it is too large to be attractive to the few companies still eager to expand their chains.

Other insurers and building societies rushed to defend the position of their loss-making estate agencies. Royal Insurance, with Britain's largest chain, said it was committed to estate agency. Royal's agencies are expected to lose £18 million this year.

Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax building society, which has a chain of 698 branches, said: "The development of our estate agency network remains a key element of our strategic plans to provide all-round customer service."

The City welcomed the Pru's decision. Kevin Phillips, an analyst with Kleinwort Benson, said: "We firmly believe that companies should get back to basics, rather than mess around on the periphery of things they don't understand.

"We would have been more excited if they had shut down the entire operation, which would have been better news for the whole market."

Mr Newmarch said the disposal would allow the group to concentrate on its core life assurance business. "We expect to take on a significantly larger market size in life assurance through the distribution channels we already have in place."

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TED BATH

'No longer a key activity': Mick Newmarch, announcing Prudential's decision to leave estate agency, yesterday

Stock borrowing loophole causes technical rally

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT, FINANCIAL EDITOR

SHARE prices staged a sudden technical rally on the International Stock Exchange as some market-makers bought to protect themselves against a legal loophole, discovered last week, that could remove their ability to borrow stock from pension funds and insurance companies to cover their trading positions.

Between 8.30 and 9am, the FT-SE All-Share index rose 26 points, or 1¼ per cent, largely due to precautionary buying and the index ended 27 points higher at 2,095 after topping 2,105 at lunchtime.

A working party has been set up at the Bank of England to sort out the legal position. The problem is regarded as purely technical but so urgent that it must be resolved in days, even if this involves setting up a new legal basis for stock lending.

Stock lending and borrowing is a traditional practice on the exchange that reduces the capital needed by market-makers to run their books, especially if they are short of stock.

The system is operated via a small number of specialist Stock Exchange money brokers and enables the institutions to make an interest turn on stock lent from portfolios to the market.

Stock is borrowed for settlement of a bargain at the end of the fortnightly Stock Exchange account when a market-maker does not have stock he has sold. The market-maker passes the cash payment from the customer to the money broker, who usually buys a certificate of deposit that acts as collateral for the lender until the stock is returned.

This movement of the stock and collateral has given rise to doubts over whether the collateral might be legally secure in the event of the money broker, or even the market-maker, failing. A stock lender who did not have a specific charge on the collateral might just become a general creditor of the failed company.

Prior to 1986, all individual members of the exchange effectively stood behind all the debts of any firm. But this ceased to be the case after firms were incorporated.

Discount houses and others engaged in the money markets have become much more concerned with the exact legal position of time-honoured practices in the wake of the legal judgement over the liability of Hammersmith and Fulham Council over currency swap arrangements.

One group concerned with stock lending received a legal opinion that there was no effective charge over the collateral for stock lending and told other members of the ISE's stock borrowing and lending committee last week.

After a meeting of the committee, chaired by the Bank of England's government broker on Friday, the committee released a statement to the market yesterday morning, which emphasised that the issue was important, but urged the financial institutions to continue lending stock while it was being resolved. The committee said possible solutions had been identified and were being pursued urgently.

The Bank of England has already set up a working party of borrowers, lenders and lawyers with a brief to work out a secure system within days if the present system is inadequate.

Michael Heath of Smith New Court, the market-maker, said there was no need for market-makers to take any action yesterday because it was the first day of a three week account. This might have to be reconsidered after a week if no solution had been found. "If stock could not be borrowed, that would make a big difference to the liquidity of the market. But my guess is that the issue will be resolved in a few days," he said.

Sharpest quarterly decline for ten years shrinks the economy

By COLIN NARBROUGH
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THE economy shrank 1.0 per cent between the second and third quarters, its sharpest quarter-on-quarter decline since the last recession ten years ago, government figures show.

The return to negative growth on the provisional, seasonally-adjusted output measure of gross domestic product was greeted in the City as confirmation that Britain has entered recession, though the decline mainly reflects lower North Sea production.

The present quarter should provide the second consecutive quarter of economic shrinkage to meet the standard definition of recession. Against the third quarter last year, the economy grew by half a per cent in the third quarter.

While GDP was in retreat overall between the latest quarters, after 0.3 per cent growth between the first and second quarters, the underlying movement was modest.

Excluding oil and gas production, which plunged 6.3 per cent due to maintenance work, GDP shrank by only a quarter of a per cent. "There's no drama here," Bill Martin, chief economist at UBS Phillips and Drew, said. He expects an underlying decline of a half per cent this quarter.

North Sea oil production rose to 1.81 million barrels per day last month from 1.64 mpd in September, according to estimates by James Capel. This should buoy the economy considerably this quarter.

David Smith, chief economist at Williams de Broë, said that despite warnings about deep recession, the underlying economy has so far "not been that weak."

Manufacturing saw a 1.8 per cent decline in the third quarter, following an 0.9 per cent gain in the second. It was 0.6 per cent down on the third quarter of 1989. Services showed little quarter-on-quarter change, allowing growth against the same period last year of 1.4 per cent, but some economists believe the data understates recent deterioration.

In the money market, interest rates softened about ¹/₁₆point on renewed concern about recession, with the key three-month interbank rate closing at 13¹/₁₆-⁹/₁₆ per cent. The pound ended at 94 on its trade-weighted index, up 0.2 point from Friday.

Tory election delays power bids

ARRANGEMENTS for underwriting the £5.2 billion flotation of the 12 regional electricity companies have been rescheduled to take account of today's Tory party leadership election, with underwriters delaying final bids until the result of the contest is known.

John Wakeham, the energy secretary, will set the price at which the companies will be floated, expected to be 240p, at 2 pm. Binding commitments would normally be received over the next hour from the 20 or so primary underwriters.

Such is the nervousness over the leadership contest that the institutions have only agreed to underwrite the issue at a blanket commission rate of 0.25 per cent. They will then be able to put in individual lower bids early this evening, once the result of the first poll is announced at about 6.30 pm.

A source close to the underwriting described the concession of a two-tier schedule as a "sympathetic response" to the uncertainty arising from the poll. "It was the most the government could do to meet underwriters' concerns about the leadership contest."

WPP shares slump by 113p on profit forecast warning

By JOHN BELL
CITY EDITOR

SHARES of WPP, Martin Sorrell's advertising and media group, were badly hit after a warning that profits would not match market forecasts.

They fell by 92p to 300p immediately after WPP said that it would not make the £110 million widely expected for the year to end-December.

Fresh bouts of selling developed despite reassurance from the company that trading continues successfully at significant levels of profitability. By the close WPP shares were 29 per cent down at 279p, showing a fall of 113p on the day. This year they were trading at 715p and have been the subject of several bear raids.

Investors are nervous about the group's high debt level, estimated to be about £325 million. This dwarfs the equity market value of £114 million on yesterday's closing price.

WPP, is one of the world's largest marketing services groups, built through a series of acquisitions by Mr Sorrell, former finance director at Saatchi & Saatchi. It was formerly the "shell" company Wire and Plastic Products, which manufactured supermarket trolleys. WPP now owns two of the leading advertising agencies, J Walter Thompson and Olgilvy and Mather.

The terse statement which triggered the share price collapse said that it now believes its pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 will be somewhat lower than the general level of brokers' published estimates of about £110 million.

"This has only become apparent this month. While results for the final two months of the year normally contribute significantly to profits, the group feels it prudent to lower its expectations for this period and therefore for the full year because of the general economic downturn."

The statement added there were continuing trends of new business gains and despite lowering of expectations, the group continues to trade successfully at significant levels of profitability." Analysts are reworking forecasts for this year, with most cutting estimates to the £85 million to £90 million pre-tax range.

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French accused of stifling Seaq

From PETER GUILFORD
IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN yesterday accused France of leading a conspiracy to stifle Seaq-International, the advanced stock trading network which has poached up to one third of the dealings in stock quoted on the Paris Bourse.

The international branch of the Stock Exchange Automated Quotation system, modelled on America's Nasdaq network, has swept across Europe, giving continental investors the chance to buy "off-market" securities in companies quoted on their own stock exchanges.

Seaq's competitive terms have brought much French business over the Channel and such is its success that Germany is devising a version, Ibis. John Redwood, junior trade minister, accused France, Belgium and Italy, with Spanish and Greek support, of trying to strangle off-market trading by calling for it to be regulated within the European Community's investment services directive. The much-disputed directive would offer a "single passport" for investment firms to trade abroad without needing extra clearance in every country. Fearing a further flood of business to the City and eventually to Frankfurt as well, France and its "protectionist" allies want the directive to make certain exceptions for off-market dealing, according to the UK.

One British official accused Belgium, France's chief supporter, of "trying to repatriate business to Brussels," complaining that it was a key motive behind new Belgian stock exchange laws.

With difficulties on Wall Street and Tokyo, and with the added upset caused by uncertainties over the Gulf, trading is patchier than normal in Europe. France and others are new to off-market operations and want to build up the competitive strength of their own stock markets before throwing the doors open, the UK government believes.

Europe's ideological split over the degree to which industries should be regulated appears to have resurfaced. France and others feel more at home with clear-cut rules. One UK official said the EC directive, which was making progress in most areas, was floundering over its attempts to define the indefinable: namely, what is a stock market?

The draft directive has caused many a scare in the City, even though its liberal approach is directly inspired by UK legislation. Mr Redwood now sees little chance of bridging the gap before Christmas, although he remained open to a little persuasion here yesterday. It seems any rules governing off-market trading would have to be so loosely worded as to be almost toothless before Britain signs up to them.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
GIt/Fixed	108.7	113.2	+0.3	10.16
High Inc Equity	112.5	120.6	-2.7	5.27
W'wide Bond	187.3	198.5	+0.3	7.88
Amer Growth	147.4	157.0	+1.8	1.22
Asian Pacific	94.54	101.1	+1.45	0.20
Assets/Earns	139.3	148.9	+1.7	3.84
Capit Res	88.88	98.87	+0.07	7.21
Comm/Energy	72.33	77.35	-1.07	1.28
Euro Capit	80.28	85.85	+0.77	1.11
General	148.4	158.5	+1.8	3.19
Japan	83.61	89.42	+0.07	0.00
UK Gth Inc	88.88	92.69	-0.53	3.08
Do Acc	88.88	92.69	-0.53	3.08
US Emerg Cos	39.83	42.35	+0.82	0.00
Income/Gth	251.4	268.9	-2.1	3.81
Mastertst Acc	74.85	80.05	+0.82	3.27
Am Inc	39.06	41.79	+0.25	5.69
Ethical	40.90	43.81	-0.14	2.30
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Capit	78.12	81.80	+0.55	4.88
Euro Gth Inc	81.87	87.29	+0.44	1.46
Extra Inc	82.22	87.94	+0.08	7.74
General	188.2	177.8	+0.6	4.80
Gt/Fxd Income	48.41	50.19	+0.14	11.01
Inc Trust	377.7	404.0	+1.7	7.03

(The remaining unit trust listings — managers from Abtrust, Allied Dunbar, Baring, Brown Shipley, Buckmaster, Burrage, CS, Cannon, Capel-Cure Myers, Capel (James), Cazenove, Central Board of Finance, Charities Official, Cigna, Clerical Medical, Commercial Union, EFM, Eagle Star, Endurance, Equitable, Equity & Law, FS, Fidelity, Foreign & Colonial, Framlington, Friends Provident, GT, Gartmore, Govett, GRE, Guinness Mahon, Halifax, Hambros, Henderson, Hill Samuel, Key, Kleinwort Benson, LAS, Legal & General, Lloyds Bank, London & Manchester, M & G, MIM Britannia, Marks & Spencer, Martin Currie, Mercury, Midland, Morgan Grenfell, Murray Johnstone, N M, Newton, Pearl, Perpetual, Prolific, Prosperity, Prudential Holborn, NM Rothschild, Save & Prosper, Schroder, Scottish Amicable, Scottish Life, Scottish Mutual, Scottish Provident, Standard Life, Stewart Ivory, Sun Alliance, Sun Life of Canada, TSB, Target, Thornton, Touche Remnant, United Charities, Wardley, Waverley, Whittingdale — [illegible])

The prices in this section refer to Friday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

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● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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THIRD MARKET

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
53	28	Andaman Res	47	52	–	–	–	24.8
225	205	Cale Inc	222	227	–	1.3	0.4	5.8
300	280	Glenmel	295	305	–	–	–	–
38	25	Chelsea Art	33	38	–	–	–	–
24	6	Chemex Intl	13	16	–	–	–	–
218	95	Clyford Storage	90	100	–	–	–	–
65	30	Edington	27	32	-1	–	–	–
18	5	Far E Res	5	7	–	–	–	–
160	65	Hadlen	65	75	–	1.3	1.9	8.5
17	2½	Honorbit	–	–	–	–	–	–
23	6	Kemp (PE)	5	7	–	–	–	–
57	2	Leisure Ltr	1	3	–	–	–	–
68	24	Restaurateur	22	32	–	–	–	–
50	27	UFL	28	35	–	–	–	–
85	16	Video Magic Gp	13	18	–	–	–	3.6

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 94.0 (day's range 93.9-94.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 19

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.9710-1.9760	1.9710-1.9720	0.99-0.97pr	2.87-2.85pr
Montrl	2.2903-2.3001	2.2903-2.2944	0.33-0.27pr	0.71-0.62pr
Amstrdm	3.2674-3.2775	3.2736-3.2775	1½-1¼pr	3¾-3½pr
Brussels	59.75-60.13	59.90-60.13	27-24pr	68-60pr
Copnhgn	11.1153-11.1522	11.1243-11.1497	3⅞-3⅛pr	8¾-7¾pr
Dublin	1.0790-1.0815	1.0796-1.0809	39-28pr	79-70pr
Frankft	2.8956-2.9083	2.9048-2.9083	1⅜-1⅛pr	3⅝-3⅜pr
Lisbon	254.91-256.48	255.24-256.36	19-41ds	120-182ds
Madrid	183.83-185.02	183.89-184.58	7-15ds	42-54ds
Milan	2184.78-2190.89	2186.82-2190.89	3-1pr	8-6pr
Oslo	11.3385-11.3812	11.3451-11.3706	2¾-2½pr	6¾-5pr
Paris	9.7797-9.8029	9.7860-9.8026	3½-3⅛pr	8½-7¾pr
Stckhlm	10.8888-10.9302	10.8886-10.9121	½-⅜ds	3⅜-4ds
Tokyo	253.37-254.49	254.16-254.49	1½-1⅜pr	3¾-3½pr
Vienna	20.3699-20.4408	20.4107-20.4408	8¾-7⅝pr	22¾-20¾pr
Zurich	2.4489-2.4591	2.4559-2.4591	1⅜-1pr	3-2¾pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	10365.0-10390.0
Australia dollar	2.5901-2.5949
Bahrain dinar	n/a
Brazil cruzeiro*	231.980-233.085
Cyprus pound	0.828-0.838
Finland markka	6.95-7.01
Greece drachma	297.40-300.80
Hong Kong dollar	15.3901-15.4000
India rupee	35.45-35.85
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	5.3167-5.3214
Mexico peso	5740-5840
New Zealand dollar	3.2377-3.2447
Saudi Arabia riyal	n/a
Singapore dollar	3.3729-3.3786
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9101-7.0367
S Africa rand (com)	4.9770-4.9855
U A E dirham	n/a

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.8230-1.8245	Denmark	5.6330-5.6380	Italy	1106.0-1107.0
Singapore	1.7078-1.7088	Germany	1.4675-1.4682	Belgium (Com)	30.31-30.36
Malaysia	2.6920-2.6930	Switzerland	1.2408-1.2415	Hong Kong	7.7925-7.7935
Australia	1.3114-1.3131	Netherlands	1.6550-1.6560	Portugal	129.80-129.80
Canada	1.1625-1.1635	France	4.9540-4.9590	Spain	93.15-93.25
Sweden	5.5160-5.5210	Japan	128.40-128.50	Austria	10.32-10.34
Norway	5.7465-5.7515				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 14 Finance Hse 15
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 14¼ Low 14 Week fixed: 14$\frac{1}{16}$
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 13¾ 3 mth – 13$\frac{9}{32}$
Selling: 2 mth – 13$\frac{7}{16}$ 3 mth – 13$\frac{9}{32}$
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13$\frac{25}{32}$-13¾
2 mth: 13$\frac{17}{32}$-13¾ 3 mth: 13$\frac{9}{16}$-13¾ 6 mth 12$\frac{7}{16}$-12¾
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14$\frac{13}{32}$
2 mth: 14$\frac{5}{32}$ 3 mth: 13$\frac{15}{16}$ 6 mth 13$\frac{1}{16}$
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14¼ close 14
1 week: 14$\frac{1}{16}$-14 1 mth: 14⅛-14$\frac{5}{32}$ 3 mth: 13$\frac{31}{32}$-13⅞
6 mth: 13⅛-13$\frac{5}{32}$ 9 mth: 12$\frac{13}{16}$-12¾ 12 mth: 12¾-$\frac{9}{16}$
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14 7 day: 14 1 mth: 14$\frac{1}{16}$
3 mth: 13$\frac{11}{16}$ 6 mth: 13$\frac{3}{16}$ 12 mth: 12$\frac{9}{16}$
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 14⅛-14$\frac{1}{16}$
3 mth: 13⅞-13½ 6 mth: 13⅛-13 12 mth 12¾-12½
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 7.87-7.82
3 mth: 8.00-7.95 6 mth: 7.90-7.85 12 mth 7.88-7.83
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 14⅛-14$\frac{1}{16}$ 2 mth: 14-13$\frac{31}{32}$ 3 mth: 13⅞-13$\frac{25}{32}$
6 mth: 13⅛-13⅛ 9 mth: 12$\frac{13}{16}$-12¾ 12 mth: 12½-12½

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1990. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1990 to Dec 25, 1990. Scheme I: 15.08 per cent. Schemes II & III: 15.32 per cent. Reference rate Sept 29, 1990 to Oct 31, 1990. Scheme IV & V: 14.164 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	7$\frac{13}{16}$-7$\frac{11}{16}$	7¾-7$\frac{11}{16}$	8$\frac{1}{16}$-7⅞	7$\frac{15}{16}$-7¾
Call: 8-7¾				
Deutschemark:	8¼-8	8$\frac{5}{16}$-8$\frac{3}{16}$	8$\frac{15}{16}$-$\frac{13}{16}$	9⅛-9
Call: 8-7				
French Franc:	9¾-9½	9$\frac{13}{16}$-$\frac{11}{16}$	10$\frac{1}{16}$-9⅞	10$\frac{3}{16}$-$\frac{1}{16}$
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	8¼-8⅛	8$\frac{7}{16}$-8$\frac{5}{16}$	8$\frac{11}{16}$-8$\frac{9}{16}$	8⅝-8½
Call: 8-7				
Yen:	8¼-7¾	8¼-8⅛	8⅜-8¼	8⅜-8¼
Call: 7½-6½				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $376.75-377.25 Close: $379.50-380.00
High: $379.75-380.25 Low: $376.75-377.25

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $389.00-394.00 (£197.00-200.00)
Krugerrand: $376.00-381.00 (£191.50-193.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $389.00-394.00 (£197.00-200.00)
American Eagles: $389.00-394.00 (£197.00-200.00)
New Sovereigns: $89.00-91.00 (£45.00-46.50)
Old Sovereigns: $89.00-91.00 (£45.00-46.50)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $418.50 (£211.75)
Palladium pm fix: $93.00 (£47.05)
Spot Silver: $4.15-4.17 (£2.100-2.115)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100	Previous open interest 27084				
Dec 90	2116.0	2143.0	2112.0	2127.0	5303
Mar 91	2157.0	2171.0	2157.0	2161.0	402
Three Month Sterling	Previous open interest 169377				
Dec 90	86.79	86.94	86.78	86.84	27809
Mar 91	88.17	88.30	88.16	88.19	12237
Three Month Eurodollar	Previous open interest 46230				
Dec 90	92.09	92.09	92.08	92.06	1265
Mar 91	92.48	92.47	92.42	92.42	2184
Three Month Euro DM	Previous open interest 78435				
Dec 90	90.94	90.94	90.87	90.90	4708
Mar 91	91.10	91.10	91.08	91.07	3026
Three month ECU	Previous open interest 1631				
Dec 90	89.55	89.95	89.87	89.92	155
US Treasury Bond	Previous open interest 7504				
Dec 90	94-13	94-17	93-28	93-27	2290
Long Gilt	Previous open interest 28804				
Dec 90	84-14	84-30	84-12	84-18	16429
Mar 91	84-29	85-07	84-29	84-30	1102
Japanese Govt Bond	Previous open interest 707				
Dec 90	92.49	92.49	92.15	92.12	90
German Govt Bond	Previous open interest 108400				
Dec 90	82.77	82.98	82.69	82.86	41671
Mar 91	82.65	82.80	82.47	82.54	6633

COMMODITIES

LONDON OIL REPORTS - London 6pm

Having tumbled on reports that Iraq would release all the hostages over the next few months, prices recovered on news that the number of Iraqi troops in Kuwait was being increased.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	30.80	
15 day Dec	30.50	+0.10
15 day Jan	29.60	+0.10
WTI Dec	30.50	+0.50
WTI Jan	30.30	+0.55

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	-12	285-290	-12
Gasoil EEC	+2	286-288	+2
Non 1H Dec	+1	291-292	+2
Non 1H Jan	+2	281-282	+2
3.5 Fuel Oil		120-122	
Naphtha	-7	290-295	-6

BIFFEX — GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Nov 90 Hi 1320-1320 Low Close 1328
Dec 90 Hi 1320-1310 Low Close 1308
Jan 91 Hi 1272-1265 Low Close 1272
Apr 91 Hi 1235-1230 Low Close 1234
Vol 145 lots Open interest 3458
Dry cargo index 1300 +2

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Dec 277.00-76.50
Jan 265.50-65.00
Feb 247.00 BID
Mar 234.00 BID
Apr 218.00 BID
May 213.00 SLR
Jun 206.00 BID
Vol 13028

BRENT AMT Futures
Dec 30.45-30.55
Jan 29.50-29.60
Vol n/a

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	95.0	95.0
Apr	147.3	144.0
May	166.8	163.0

Vol 205

LONDON FOX

COCOA AMT Futures
Dec 699-697 Sep 819-817
Mar 752-750 Dec 845-844
May 776-775 Mar 873-871
Jul 798-796 Vol 12694

COFFEE AMT Futures
Nov 565-564 Jul 582-581
Jan 576-575 Sep 597-595
Mar 583-582 Nov 617-610
May 587-585 Vol 2362

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 1407
Dec 226.2-17.8 Aug 221.0-20.4
Mar 218.0-17.5 Oct 219.6-18.8
May 218.4-18.2 Dec 220.0-05.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 106
Nv 116.80 Ja 119.80 Mr 123.80
My 127.00 Jn 128.50 Sp 109.30

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 67
Nv 113.10 Ja 116.00 Mr 119.40
My 120.50 Sp 107.50 Nv 110.75

SOYABEAN AMT Futures
Dec unq
Feb unq
Vol 0

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol
Copper Gde A	1340.0-1341.0	1330.0-1331.0	456000
Lead	348.50-349.00	356.00-356.50	40300
Zinc Spec Hi*	1293.0-1294.0	1270.0-1272.0	169600
Tin*	6175.0-6180.0	6170.0-6175.0	12710
Aluminium Hi*	1585.0-1586.0	1603.0-1604.0	507075
Nickel*	8550.0-8560.0	8300.0-8320.0	8046

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	unq	95.0
Jan	unq	90.0
Feb	unq	90.5
Mar	unq	94.8

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Oct	unq	–
Nov	unq	–
Jan	unq	–

Vol Pig-28 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 19

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	74.38	143.23	104.68
GB (+/–)	-5.81	-8.23	-0.79
Eng/Wal (%)	-11.2	-38.1	-35.7
Eng/Wal (p)	74.08	143.18	104.29
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-5.86	-8.55	-0.97
Scotland (%)	+13.9	-48.6	-37.1
Scotland (p)	82.11	143.40	107.87
Scotland (+/–)	-0.43	-4.69	+0.69

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Pru unpicks its chairman's knitting

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

Few group chief executives get away with pumping more than £300 million into a diversification measure which does not work and then go on to become chairman. Sir Brian Corby, however, the chairman of the Prudential, is one that has.

As chief executive, Sir Brian was responsible for the build up of the Prudential's estate agency chain from 1985. An ill-considered venture, but Mick Newmarch, the present chief executive, has rightly dared to unpick the chairman's knitting. Mr Newmarch had no choice, if he was to retain the credibility which is required of Britain's largest and most influential investor, than to shut down one of its own ventures which has brought the Pru little but grief. He had to bit the bullet, even if it hurt his teeth.

Mr Newmarch maintains that estate agency is a local business and unable to support the infrastructure of a national group; that cross-sales of life products are useful, but not significant in overall group terms, and that the Pru can be better served by concentrating on intermediaries and its traditional sales force. Most importantly Mr Newmarch decided the business was not worth the investment it was calling for.

The Pru's U-turn is costing more than pride. The group spent £330 million building up the chain, and supporting its losses. The group will be lucky to get £50 million back for it. The company has blown most of the £357 million rights issue in 1986 on this one venture. Losses are comparable with those of Ferranti on the International Signal fiasco.

The Pru's attempt to sell its remaining chain of 500 branches (175 have already been closed in an earlier effort to make financial sense of the mess), assuming buyers can be found at all, is bad news for an industry suffering chronic over-capacity. The other main players are doggedly committed to the market, and the Legal & General, which stood back from the initial scramble, is still building up its position. Cornerstone, Abbey National's chain, may lose £15 million this year yet it has opened 27 new branches. Royal's 753 agencies will lose up to £18 million this year but is unequivocal in its support. Some blame the Pru's problems on its attempt to centralise the agencies' management, others swear the market is about to recover. The overcapacity will last as long as their convictions. When the market does finally pick up, so will the competition as new entrepreneurial agencies open their doors for the duration of the next boom.

The Prudential chairman, meanwhile, has presumably given his silent backing to the proposed disposal of the estate agencies on which he was once so keen. So far as we are able to ascertain, he made no offer to resign as his policies were reversed. If the Prudential were some other company which had suffered such a substantial avoidable loss, its institutional shareholders might be questioning the chairman's future.

WPP setback

During his whizzkid phase Martin Sorrell cleverly played the bull market's insatiable need for heroes to his own advantage. Now he is wearing the disguise of a humble clerk, trying to assuage investor anxiety that his highly borrowed WPP may suffer similar difficulties to those of his former employers, the Saatchi brothers.

It will be no easy task. For the reaction to a probable £20 million shortfall in profits this year has been extreme. Ignoring the fact that WPP shares went ex-dividend yesterday, lopping a notional 13p from the price, the collapse from 392p to 279p tells its own story.

The numbers do not look sufficiently grim to warrant such treatment. Analysts are, however, looking at profits as the residue between large revenue and large amounts of interest and deferred acquisition costs. They can hardly be blamed for becoming nervous when the profit numbers are shrinking.

WPP says that it has been abreast of its budgets for most of the year, but the October management accounts showed evidence of softening in advertising, more markedly in the US and Britain than elsewhere. The fourth quarter usually accounts for a third of group profits. On the October evidence a shortfall stretching to £20 million by the year-end appears the most likely outcome.

Investors were hoping that levels of net debt would be down to around £280 million by the year-end. That is a forlorn hope and closer to £315 million is probable. Interest charges are still likely to be covered three times, but the market's concern is turning towards 1991 with analysts braced for a further fall in profits.

Mr Sorrell admits that it is an easy call to make that he overpaid (£525 million) for Ogilvy & Mather, though at the time of its acquisition the expectations were vastly different from today.

The key to WPP's immediate future is beyond Mr Sorrell's control. It lies in the length and depth of the British recession and economic slow-down in the US. Until there are hopeful prospects on these fronts, further gyrations in the shares are almost guaranteed.

Columbia puts Drexel operations in spotlight

THE $4.5 billion claim filed last week against Drexel Burnham Lambert by Columbia Savings and Loan Association provides the first look at Drexel's purported manipulation of the securities markets through the eyes of one of its biggest "junk bond" customers and adds new allegations against the defunct firm.

Columbia's claim was filed with the New York bankruptcy court, which is overseeing Drexel's liquidation. It alleges Drexel used "fraud, market manipulation, monopolisation and other illegal means" to sell the high-yield, high-risk bonds to Columbia from 1982 to 1988.

Columbia is trying to recoup the losses it suffered as the value of its junk bond portfolio fell in the past 18 months from $4.3 billion to less than $2.5 billion. Now insolvent, Columbia seems on the verge of being seized by the government.

Many of the allegations mirror those in a similar claim also filed last week against Drexel by federal savings and loan regulators, who contend that the defunct securities firm defrauded dozens of savings institutions to which it sold junk bonds.

But in addition to raising new questions, Columbia's claim attempts to recast the institution's role in the Drexel affair from that of enthusiastic junk bond buyer and staunch Drexel defender to that of unwitting dupe.

A Drexel spokesman said the claims by the federal regulators and Columbia were "generally and specifically misleading" and were part of an effort to make Drexel a scapegoat in the failure of savings institutions.

As much as any company, and more than any savings institution, Columbia, based in Beverly Hills, California, was reshaped during the Eighties by Drexel's aggressive sales of junk bonds.

Thomas Spiegel, Columbia chief executive until last year, was one of the first and best customers of Michael Milken, the former head of junk bond operations at Drexel.

Mr Milken is scheduled to be sentenced tomorrow in the Manhattan district court after his guilty plea to six counts of fraud and conspiracy related to illegal securities trading.

Judgment tomorrow: Michael Milken with wife Lori

Throughout the Eighties, Mr Spiegel vigorously defended the bonds as a safe investment for a government-insured savings and loans company. The $4.3 billion junk bond portfolio he amassed, mainly via Drexel, was by far the largest of any savings institution.

Mr Spiegel, who has long had a combative relationship with federal regulators, resigned last December as the value of the junk bond portfolio fell. He was replaced by Edward Harshfield, a banker with no previous ties to Columbia.

Mr Harshfield is struggling to avert a government takeover and has repudiated Mr Spiegel's junk bond strategy. Mr Spiegel is under investigation by federal prosecutors in connection with his management of Columbia and his ties to Mr Milken and Drexel. He has denied any wrongdoing. Last month, Mr Harshfield hired Cravath, Swaine & Moore, the New York law firm, to represent Columbia in the Drexel liquidation. Cravath is also representing the federal savings and loan regulators.

In their separate claims, both Columbia and the government allege that Drexel and Mr Milken were essentially operating a huge fraud, manipulating junk bond prices and misrepresenting the terms of deals to create profits for Mr Milken and his associates, often at the expense of junk bond buyers.

Until Mr Spiegel resigned, Columbia executives had bragged about how well they researched and tracked their junk bond investments. But according to the claim filed last week, in many junk bond deals, the savings institution was little more than a pawn in Drexel's hands.

In particular, the claim portrays Drexel as becoming increasingly willing to resort to fraud in selling junk bonds starting about 1988, as the market for high-yield securities started to fall and federal prosecutors began to close in on Drexel and Mr Milken.

Last year, for example, Drexel engineered the sale to Columbia of $15.75 million in junk bonds issued by Braniff, the airline that is in bankruptcy proceedings. The claim said Columbia bought the bonds only because Drexel failed to disclose the full extent of Braniff's difficulties.

In another case in the claim, Columbia in mid-1988 agreed to buy, via Drexel, $31.5 million in subordinated debt and $16 million in non-voting stock in Tricap, a Bermuda investment partnership set up by Drexel and a subsidiary of American International, a New York insurance firm.

Drexel said it would share decision-making with American International but in practice Drexel controlled the investment decisions. The result was that Drexel had created a "captive buyer" that it used to buy junk bonds and other securities which it was having trouble selling.

(New York Times)

Diploma won for survival

TEMPUS

JAMES MORGAN

TWO consecutive years of flat profits — and the prospect of another flat year in sight — is hardly the stuff to make a share stand out from the crowd.

Merely to have survived, however, in the tough electronics, building components, and special steels markets in the year to end-September and yet again to end a year with net cash balances, deserves some brownie points.

On those grounds, and in recognition that there had been a 36 per cent return on capital in 1990, Diploma's shares yesterday rose 3p to 187p.

The 1990 pre-tax profits outcome at £19 million against £19.5 million — though margins eased from 13.9 per cent to 12.8 per cent — was better than might have been expected after interim results six months ago showed half-time profits had slipped by 9.2 per cent.

Diploma remains dead set — as it has for the past two decades — against borrowings, and ended its year with net cash balances of £10 million.

The electronics division appears to have arrested an eight year trend of falling profits and turned in £7.7 million against £6.8 million. Though the setback in the building components division from £8.5 million to £7.4 million comes as no surprise, profitability in the special steels division at 21.7 per cent remains respectably high.

Now that a recession has formally arrived, and while business still waits for interest rates to fall and housing starts to improve, Diploma will have to rely on tighter asset management in 1991 if year-end profits are to advance.

The odds are that Diploma should enjoy a better year in 1991, and though a profits advance to £19.5 million pre-tax will still not set the world on fire, the outcome would be positive.

At 187p, on a prospective rating of 8.6 and backed by a 6.1 per cent yield, the shares have defensive appeal in current markets.

Profits up: Robin Miller, EMAP chief executive

EMAP

HARD times may come and go, but trout fishermen go on forever. Likewise, motorcycle enthusiasts, fell-walkers, gardeners and amateur photographers are unwilling to forgo their simple pleasures, which explains the resilience of EMAP, the magazine and newspaper publisher, in the face of the most dramatic downturn in newspapers and publishing for a decade.

The above enthusiasts and their ilk helped EMAP's consumer magazines division to like-for-like profits growth of 33 per cent in the six months to September 29, holding profits before tax for the group to £13.6 million (£13.4 million), despite the downturn affecting its local newspapers and business titles.

EMAP has made much of its policy of buying publications at cheap prices, with £45 million spent on acquisitions over the past 18 months. But a pledge that gearing should reduce from 9 per cent to nil by the financial year end suggests that no significant purchases are imminent.

Some further decline is expected from newspapers, which managed a slight profits increase in the first half, while underlying profits from business magazines fell by about a quarter.

The shares, up 5p to 208p in a generally firm publishing sector yesterday, change hands at almost 12 times prospective earnings, assuming £38.5 million pre-tax this year. They are not overvalued, given the group's proven track record and its defensive qualities; but the shares have already recovered from a low of 187p in September, and little immediate progress is likely.

Goldsmiths

SHAREHOLDERS who invested in Goldsmiths Group, the jewellery chain, when it was floated ten months ago at 150p have lost two-thirds of their investment and the chances of recovering it in the short term are not encouraging. The group made pre-tax profits of £44,000 in the six months to September 1, compared with £880,000 last year. Sales rose 13 per cent to £18.1 million, but an increase in fixed costs and administrative expenses as well as a hike in the interest charge from £716,000 to £856,000 meant that pre-tax profits were significantly reduced.

After a maiden interim dividend of 1.5p, the retained loss was £300,000 compared with profits of £811,000. Earnings per share were 0.13p. There is no comparable figure as the group was listed last year.

Goldsmiths makes the bulk of its profits in the second half with 25 per cent of annual sales coming at Christmas and, in theory, it could easily make up the first half shortfall. Last year the group made £4.06 million for the full year. But with uncertainty over Christmas trading and an expected fall in December's retail sales volumes, Hoare Govett, the group's broker, has downgraded its forecast for the full year from £5 million to £3 million.

The second half has started slowly with like-for-like sales flat and there is still a questionmark over the dividend level for the second half. Gearing at the year end will be about 97 per cent, the same as last year. The shares, down 4p at 52p, their lowest since flotation, are trading on just under six times earnings. There is little to push them higher in the foreseeable future.

Laventhol votes for chapter 11

PARTNERS in Laventhol and Howarth, the seventh largest accountancy firm in America, have voted to file for chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The firm, which has annual revenues of $350 million, has grown over the past ten years through aggressive takeovers.

In the process, however, the Philadelphia firm has been affected by legal suites over its allegedly sloppy accounting work, the latest coming over its audit of Jim Bakker, the television evangelist of the PTL ministry.

The firm is defending itself over its audit of the ministry, which allegedly failed to disclose a series of off-balance sheet accounts.

Arthur Bowman, author of the Bowman report on the accounting industry, said yesterday: "The accounting industry, like many others, is suffering from a lack of profit growth and Laventhol has been hit by potentially crippling law suits at the worst possible time."

At a partners' meeting at the weekend, the firm's 350 partners voted to file for chapter 11 bankruptcy after being faced with a gloomy outlook of its survival chances.

Another option considered was an injection of $15 million in new capital to keep the firm running.

In 1980, the firm had revenue of $71 million.

Laventhol is reportedly calling in loans it has made to partners, causing at least two of them to put their homes on the market to avoid personal bankruptcy.

The firm's clients include Carl Icahn's Trans World Airlines.

JOHN DURIE
New York

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Grande bouffe

SIX sides of smoked salmon, seventy five pounds of gammon and twelve cases of Beaujolais Noveau would be enough to satisfy most appetites. But in the City, it seems, such fare hardly even raises an eyebrow. The fare in question was delivered to the Butchers Hall in the heart of London last week for the annual Beaujolais Noveau breakfast, held for those who work in the Square Mile. More than 100 brokers and bankers joined clerks and masters from the City livery houses for the feast, hosted jointly by the Butchers Hall and Chester Boyd, a firm of caterers which provides many of the meals at livery functions. Tables groaned under an array of smoked salmon kedgeree, wild boar sausages and bubble and squeak as the guests worked their way through the Beaujolais and for good measure, a case of Muscadet Noveau. "I have never seen so much food and wine disappear so quickly," said one observer, who spotted officials from the trade department tucking in with relish. The last reveller left at 11.15, four hours after the feast began, allowing just enough time for a glance at trading screens . . . before lunch.

Murphy's law

MY STORY that Sir Nicholas Goodison has turned down the chance to bid £35,000 for TSB 1 — one of many car number plates due for auction next month — caused some merriment at the offices of *USM Magazine*, which hosts the annual USM awards. For it brought back memories of Richard Murphy, founder of Xtra-vision, the Dublin video rental company, who paid £77,000 for USM 1 when it came up for auction at the 1990 ceremony earlier this year. After happily signing his cheque, Murphy found to his horror that he was not allowed to use the number plate in his native Ireland. And to make matters worse, the company share price plunged 91 per cent to 8p, finally triggering a bid from Cambridge Group, the leasing and financial services concern. Despite the turn of events, Murphy has clearly not lost his sense of charity. For he has entered the number plate — or at least the right to use it for a year — as a raffle prize at the 1991 awards dinner, which will be held at the Grosvenor House in March.

"Which agency should we use to sell them?"

IN SAN Francisco there are ten unusually-named hairdressing salons. They are: Hair Today (Gone Tomorrow), Hair We Go, Head Hogs, Curl Up and Dye, Hair We Are, All Tressed Up, Short And Curlers, Head Start, Heads You win, and — A Cut Above The Rest.

Main attraction

JUST weeks after moving into their smart new offices opposite the Old Bailey, staff at BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, are finding it difficult to concentrate on their work. For during the recent Terry Marsh trial, so many journalists and photographers crammed into the street outside the central criminal court — directly opposite their own entrance — that it became a struggle to reach the front door. Such events must be all the more puzzling to the employees of Mitsui, the Japanese financial corporation which owns the site and has taken up most of the floors. "We are thinking of setting up a joint canteen to make them feel more at home," says William Casey, managing director of BDO Consulting, who adds that *sushi* will almost certainly appear on the menu.

MIM Holdings, the Australian mining group, has hired some new senior executives who seem very well suited to the job. The global lead and zinc division is to be run by a Ken Dredge, while the corporate development division has been left in the hands of a Peter Slaughter.

Four-minute eggxit

THE London headquarters of Barclays de Zoete Wedd suffered a short but spectacular blaze on Friday. All 1,500 people who work at Ebbgate House — itself a mere stroll from the Monument, designed by Sir Christopher Wren to commemorate a somewhat larger event in 1666 — were forced to flee after a fire broke out in a dining room on the eighth floor. "It took just four minutes to evacuate the building," said a proud BZW spokesman, who adds that flustered employees had to stand about in the cold for more than an hour after the alarms went off at 4.15 pm. A sprinkler system in the building took care of the blaze, thought to have been started by a stray cigarette, although the firm is reluctant to say just who had been using the room on the day. Not amused by the event were members of the corporate finance team, who returned to their desks to find water dripping down the walls and ceiling.

GRAFFITI on a wall at Penzance railway station: "I love Susan Holmes." Beneath it some wag has added: "By God, Watson, so do I."

JON ASHWORTH

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WALL STREET

New York

AMERICAN shares continued firm but blue chips were below their highs in mid-morning trading. Buying interest was touched off by lower crude oil prices and eased fears about the Middle East. Some short-covering also helped support share prices, traders said. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.61 points at 2,563.86. Rising shares outpaced falling shares by about seven to three.

☐ Tokyo — The Nikkei index closed up 346.53 points at 23,518.16 with about 300 million shares traded.

☐ Frankfurt — German share prices jumped 2.9 per cent with the DAX index up 41.79 points at 1,467.47, its largest gain since October 8. *(Reuter)*

	Nov 19 midday	Nov 16 close		Nov 19 midday	Nov 16 close		Nov 19 midday	Nov 16 close
Abbott Lab	42%	42%	Enron	56%	56%	Oryx Enrgy	41%	41
Aetna Life	37%	38%	Entergy	22%	22%	Pac Ent	39%	39%
Ahmanson	13%	13%	Ethyl	24%	23%	Pac Gas Elec	24%	23%
Air Prods	51%	51%	Exxon	50%	50%	Pac Telesis	45%	45%
Albertsons	32%	32%	Fed NMA	32%	32%	Paccar	31%	30%
Alcan Al	17%	17%	Fedrl Expra	33%	33%	Pacificorp	21%	21
Alco Stand	31%	32%	Ft Norstar	10%	10%	Pall	31%	31%
Allied Signal	27%	27%	Fluor	38%	38%	Paramount	38%	38%
Alumin CA	53%	53	FMC	28%	27%	Parker-Hanfn	22%	22%
Am Brands	37%	37%	Ford Motor	27%	27%	Penney	42%	42%
Am Cyanmd	48%	48%	FPL	27%	27%	Pennzoil	65%	65%
Am EPC	28%	28%	Fst Chicago	16%	17	Pepsico	25%	25%
Am General	28%	29%	Fst Interste	21%	21%	Pfizer	77	77%
Am Home	50%	49%	Fst Union	14%	16%	Phelps Pet	25%	28%
Am Intl	72	71	Gannett	33%	33%	Phelps Elec	16%	16%
Am Medical	6%	6	Gen Cinema	18%	18%	Philip Morris	48%	48%
Am Stores	45	44%	Gen Elec	54%	55%	Phlps Dodge	50%	50%
Amax	18%	18%	Gen Mills	44%	44%	Pitney Bow	36%	36%
Amer Hess	49	49	Gen Motors	38%	38%	Plcr Dome	14%	14%
Ameritech	66%	66%	Gen RE	86%	86	PNC Fncl	21	21
Amex	21%	21%	Gen Signal	33%	33%	Prindle Estn	13	12%
Amoco	52%	51%	Genentech	n/a	23%	Polaroid	23	22%
AMP	42%	42%	Genuine Pts	36%	35%	PPG Inds	40%	40%
AMR	48%	47%	Georgia-Pac	36	34%	Pctr Gmble	81%	80%
Anheuser-B	39%	39	Gillette	57%	57	Price	35%	35%
Apple Comp	35%	35%	Goodrich	36%	36%	Primerica	21%	21%
Archer-Dan	23%	23%	Goodyear	15%	15%	Pub Service	26	26
Arkla	20%	21%	Grace	22%	21%	Quaker Oats	46%	47%
Armstrong	24%	23%	Greyhound	23%	23%	Ralston Pur	86%	86%
Asarco	25%	25	Gt Atlantic	38%	38%	Raychem	20%	20%
Ashland Oil	28%	28%	Gt Western	11%	11%	Raytheon	70	70
AT&T	32	32	GTE	27%	27%	Reebok	10%	10%
Atlan Richfld	127%	128%	Halliburtn	45%	45%	Roadway	34	34
Auto DP	53%	53%	Heinz	34%	34%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Intl	19%	19	Hercules	29%	29%	Rohm Haas	29%	29%
Avon Prod	28%	28%	Hershey Fd	35%	35%	Royal Dutch	76%	75%
Baltimore	28	28%	Hewlett Pkd	29	28%	Rubbermaid	38%	38%
Banc One	23%	23%	Hilton Htl	32	31%	Rynlds Mtl	49%	49%
Bankamerica	23%	23%	Home Depot	35%	35	Safeco	30%	29%
Bard	17%	17%	Homestake	17%	17%	Salomon	24%	24%
Barnett Bl	20	20%	Honeywell	90%	90	Sant Fe Pac	13	13%
Bausch Lmb	61%	61%	Houston Ind	35	35	Sara Lee	30	29%
Baxter Intl	28%	28%	Hashid Ind	25	25%	Schecorp	38%	38%
Bec Dickn	72%	71%	Humana	43%	43%	Schlumbgr	53%	53%
Bell Atlan	53%	53	IBM	114%	113%	Schrg-Plgh	43%	43%
Bellsouth	53%	53%	IF&F	71%	70%	Scott Papr	36%	37
Bkr Hughes	25%	25%	Illnois TW	44%	43%	Seagram	81%	80%
Black Decker	9%	10	Inco	24%	24%	Sears Rbk	28%	28
Block	42	41%	Ingsol-Rand	33%	34	Secrty Pac	23%	23%
Bnkrs Tst NY	38%	38%	Inland Steel	25%	25%	Shrwn-Wlms	35%	34%
Boeing	46%	46%	Intel	37%	37%	Skyline	13%	13%
Boise Casc	25%	25%	Intl Paper	49	48%	Snap-on Tls	29%	29%
Borden	28%	27%	ITT	43%	48%	Southern	28%	28%
Brist-Myer	63%	63	James River	24%	23%	St Paul	58%	59%
Browng-Far	22%	22%	Johnsn Jhsn	66%	65%	Stanley Wk	28%	28
Burl Nth	28%	28%	K Mart	27%	27%	Stone Cntr	10%	10%
CAI	8	8%	Kellogg	71%	70%	Sun Co	31%	31%
Campbell Sp	53%	52%	Kerr-McGee	44%	44%	Sundst Bk	21%	21
Cap Cities	400	397	Kimbly-Clrk	80%	80%	Super Valu	28%	25%
Capital HC	34%	33%	Knight-Rddr	40%	40	SW Bell	52%	52%
Carolina	44	43%	Lilly	68%	69%	Syntex	57%	57
Caterpillar	43%	43	Limited	14%	14%	Sysco	31	31
CBS	161%	163%	Lin Brdcstg	55%	55	Tandem	12%	12
Central SW	43%	43%	Lincln Nat	37%	38	Tandy	27%	28
Champion	24%	24%	Litton Ind	78%	78%	Tele-comm	11%	11%
Chase Man	10%	11%	Lockheed	30%	30%	Teledyne	16%	15%
Chem Bnkg	12%	12%	Louis-Pac	25%	25%	Temple-In	28	28%
Chevron	68%	68%	Manu Hano	19%	19%	Tenneco	45%	45%
Chrysler	11%	11%	Marriott	10%	10%	Texaco	67%	58%
Chubb	47%	48%	Marsh Mclen	75	75%	Texas Inst	27%	27
Cigna	38	37%	Martin Mar	41%	41	Texas Util	37%	37%
Citicorp	13%	13%	Masco	16%	16%	Textron	24%	23%
Clbrne Liz	25%	28	May Dept	43%	42%	Time Wrnr	80%	79%
Clorox	35%	35%	Maytag	11%	11%	Times Mirr	23%	23%
Cmwlth Edis	33%	33%	MCA	66%	65%	Timken	23%	23%
CNA Fncl	59%	58%	McDnl Doug	51%	51%	Torchmark	49	48%
Coastal	34%	34%	McDonalds	28%	28%	Toys R Us	22%	22%
Coca-Cola	46%	45%	McGraw-Hill	48%	48	Transam	31%	31
Colgate-Pal	67	66%	MCI Com	22%	22%	Travelers	13%	13%
Columb Gas	48	47%	Mead	23%	23%	Tribune	38%	38%
Compaq	51	50%	Medtronic	87	86%	TRW	36%	35%
Conagra	33%	33%	Melville	38%	39%	Tyco Lab	39%	39%
Cons Edis	22%	22%	Merck	85%	85	UAL	100%	99%
Cons NG	46%	46%	Merll Lynch	18%	18%	Un Camp	34%	34%
Cons Rail	36%	36%	MM&M	81	80%	Un Carbide	16	15%
Cooper Ind	38%	37%	Mobil	58%	57%	Un Pacific	67%	67
Corning	40%	39%	Monsanto	44%	43%	Unilever	88%	87%
CPC Intl	80%	79%	Moore	23%	23%	Unisys	2%	2%
Crown Cork	53%	53	Morgan	40%	40%	Unocal	28%	29
CSX	29%	29%	Motorola	51%	51%	Upjohn	38%	36%
Dana	24%	24%	Nat Medical	36%	36%	US West	37%	37
Dayton-Hud	51%	50%	Nat Semi	3%	3%	Usair Gp	14%	14%
Deere	45%	46%	Nat Service	25%	25%	USF&G	8%	10%
Delta Air	57	57%	Navistar	2%	2%	UST	33%	33%
Deluxe	32%	32%	NCNB	25	24%	USX	32%	32%
Detroit Ed	28%	28%	NCR	58%	58%	Utd Tech	45%	45%
Digital Eq	52%	52%	NED Bncp	31%	31%	Utd Telcm	22	22%
Dillard	81%	83	Newmnt Min	36	36	VF	14%	14%
Disney	97%	95%	Nagr Mhwk	12%	12%	Wal-Mart	29%	29%
Dominion	47%	47%	Nike	34%	34%	Walgreen	49%	48%
Donnelley	36%	36	NL Indstrs	11%	11	Waste Mgmt	34	33%
Dover	34	33%	Nordstorm	21%	21%	Wells Fargo	56%	55%
Dow Chem	44%	44%	Norflk Sthn	40%	40%	Westg Elec	28%	28%
Dow Jones	22%	22%	Norwest	18%	18	Weyerhsr	19%	19%
Dresser Ind	19%	19	Ntbn St Pwr	31%	31%	Whirlpool	22%	22%
Du Pont	36	35%	Ntbn Telcm	25%	25%	Whitman	18%	18%
Duke Pwr	29%	29%	NY Times	18%	18	Winn-Dixie	32%	32%
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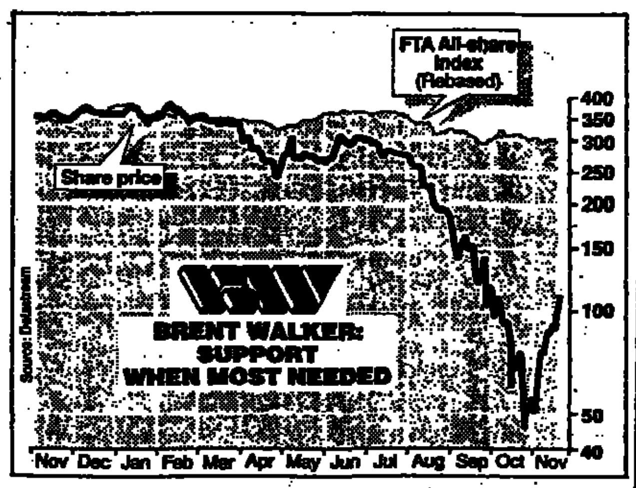
Emerson El	35%	35	Oracle Sys	6%	6%	Xerox	33%	34

STOCK MARKET

Investors stay on sidelines ahead of Conservative vote



THE equity market began the new three-week trading account at a blistering pace, encouraged by a firmer pound and the softening of interest rates in America.

The FT-SE 100 index surged above 2,100, brushing aside a long list of ex-dividends. The index's best gains were eventually trimmed on reports that Iraq had sent a further 200,000 troops in to Kuwait. It ended the session 27.9 higher at 2,095.9. The narrower FT index of 30 shares advanced 33.2 to 1,648.0. Turnover remained at low ebb with 400 million shares traded.

Dealers reported selective support for leading shares but said prices had been squeezed higher after market-makers learned that the Bank of England had set-up a working committee to resolve a legal technicality that could threaten the practice of stock lending and borrowing. There were fears that this could force market-makers to cover their own short positions, leading to sharp fluctuations in the market-place and further reductions in turnover.

Genuine investment support remained sparse with few investors willing to open new positions ahead of the first round vote in the Conservative leadership race. Government securities took their lead from a firmer pound and the American bond market. Prices at the longer end closed with gains stretching to £½.

Shares at WPP, Martin Sorrell's advertising group, tumbled 113p to 279p, with the warrants down 13p at 17p, on news of a profits warning. Mr Sorrell said that profits in the current year would be "somewhat lower" than the £110 million expected in the City. Analysts have now downgraded profits to about £90 million.

The water companies attracted support ahead of the pricing of the electricity industry tomorrow. The market is forecasting a price of 240p, yielding 8.3 per cent. Some fund managers say the water companies are more attractive. There were rises in **Anglia**, 7p to 245p, **Northumbrian**, 4p, to 241p, **North West**, 10p to 238p, **Severn Trent**, 6½p to 207p, **Southern**, 3p to 211p, **South West**, 5p to 240p, **Welsh**, 6p to 256p, **Wessex**, 4p to 230p, and **Yorkshire**, 7p to 252p. Only **Thames** failed to make headway closing all-square at 239p. The water package jumped £63 to £2,348.

The car component suppliers attracted selective support with gains for **GKN**, 7p to 305p, **Lucas Industries**, 8p to 135p, and **T&N**, 8p to 163p. The European car sales figures for October turned out to be better than expected

Talk of a demerger at Thorn EMI continues to gather pace with the price jumping 18p to 637p. Suggestions that a split of the lighting and music divisions could be worth a break-up value of 950p a share are being played down in the market. Stockbrokers, such as Kleinwort Benson, reckon the figure is nearer 820p.

Hazlewood Foods held steady at 126p, ahead of interim figures today that are expected to show pre-tax profits down £2 million at £22.5 millon. Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, was selling the shares ahead of the figures.

Prudential Corporation lost an early lead to finish 6p lower at 200p on the news that it is seeking a buyer for its property services division. The Pru has been rationalising the business after the collapse in the property market. The decision to dispose of it comes as no surprise to the market.

Brent Walker, the leisure group headed by George Walker, surged 12p to 101p after Jefferson Smurfit, the Dublin packaging business, confirmed it was poised to take a stake. Michael Smurfit, the chairman, has invested £10 million of his own money, and the company a further £15 million in Brent Walker's £103 million convertible bond issue. The investment gives Mr Smurfit an effective 13 per cent stake in Brent Walker.

The two groups have also set up a joint venture business building golf clubs and other leisure complexes and has plans to set up a third Irish television channel. Brent Walker already has connections in the Republic through Power Corporation, the retail property developer, with which it has a joint stake in London's Trocadero Centre. **Power Corporation** was unchanged at 110p.

Shares of Logitek, the electronics group, returned from suspension more than halved at 24p after the group issued a profits warning. The price finished 16p down at 40p.

MICHAEL CLARK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Conservatives 'must get their act together'

From the director general, CBI

Sir, The introduction to Kenneth Fleet's comments on the CBI's pay message (November 10) contained as many inaccuracies about the CBI and my closing speech at our national conference as there were sentences. So I am writing to set the record straight.

Almost every one of the top 100 companies in Britain (and the top 500 come to that) is a CBI member either directly or indirectly, as a member of one of our constituent employers' organisations and trade associations (our German counterparts have no direct members, incidentally). As it happens, 82 of the top 100 United Kingdom industrial and commercial companies (and virtually every major financial services company) choose to be members directly, in addition to their indirect membership.

The widespread support for the organisation is scarcely surprising. The CBI exists to promote the long-run international competitiveness of British business. We are invariably positive, constructive and proactive — we can safely leave the whingeing to others. Thus, my speech laid out a programme for getting our economy back on to the low inflation, high-growth track from which we were diverted in 1987 in the aftermath of "black Monday". This included the very points about containing unit labour cost increases to 2-3 per cent, which Kenneth Fleet claims were not covered!

The overwhelming majority of CBI members do not want to see a change of government since — as my speech also made clear — they acknowledge the enormous contribution that this government has made to the transformation of the supply side of the economy over the last decade. But unless the government is seen to be united and stops scoring inflationary own goals there is a serious risk that the Conservatives will lose the next general election. Our warning to "get your act together" was therefore addressed to the Conservative party and its members of Parliament.

Developments in the last week have not rendered the warning any less relevant.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BANHAM,
Director General,
Confederation of British Industry,
Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

Need for ten ICIs

From Mr Frank Glyn-Jones

Sir, Contrary to the views of Anatole Kaletsky (November 13) it seems to me that underlying forces are slowly but irresistibly taking control of the economy and no short-term action of government can halt the process.

There are two major problems. The first, of course, arises from excess consumer spending. Industrial output grew by 2 per cent per year during the Eighties and that surely should have been the ceiling for spending. In fact spending rose by over 7 per cent in real terms in 1988, and the projection for this year is still well over 2 per cent despite the fact that output has been falling since mid-year. It is going to be a long haul to achieve equilibrium. In addition there is a truly massive backlog of debt, both corporate and private, that has to be sorted out.

This problem may be serious but at least the end of that tunnel can be seen. The other issue, which relates to our industrial base, is of a different order.

Export performance and profits show that much of our industry, especially the pharmaceutical, oil, aerospace and steel sectors, are in good shape by global standards. But there is a gaping hole in our base. The largest modern growth industries have grown out of the huge increase in consumer spending power and the rise of the office. The former group includes cars and consumer electronics and the latter, computers and copiers. These are all high volume, high value, advanced technology products.

It can safely be predicted that at least one new industry on the scale of these industries will be created.

Our balance of payments deficit also means that we are spending above earned income. Sooner or later national spending must correspond with national output and it will not be possible to support our current population at reasonable standards of living without being strong in new industries. We need new industry equivalent to about ten ICIs.

The sooner we face up to these economic facts of life the sooner we will recognise that the over-riding national priority is to develop and pursue an aggressive industrial strategy. The Japanese faced a similar challenge after the war and succeeded, so can we. Perhaps the greatest need is for leaders who understand the problem and can inspire the nation.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK GLYN-JONES,
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Ratton, Eastbourne
East Sussex.

Full circle?

From Sir James Spooner

Sir, There must be many like myself who will have seen, with no little astonishment and some envy, Professor Patrick Minford's happy picture from Liverpool of falling unemployment and industrial profitability.

True, the 1980s saw an end to overmanning and trade union "monopolistic" practices — a real achievement of Thatcher administration. True, there has been productivity growth, but then if the poor performers are shot, the average performance of those that survive will naturally improve!

However, the picture many of us now have of the British industrial scene, obviously from a less privileged position than Professor Minford's in Liverpool, is of high interest rates, an over-valued pound and rising unemployment. These were the conditions we endured in the early 1980s when some 25 per cent of industrial activity faded away. Have the ten years merely brought us round in full circle to that position again? Is another chunk of British industry to disappear?

One leading British group, of which I am chairman, started the 1980s with its activity broadly 60 per cent in the UK and 40 per cent overseas. Now the ratio is 80 per cent overseas and 20 per cent in the UK. Perhaps by the end of the century it will be doing nothing at all in the UK and, as the managing director has said on occasion, he and his small headquarters team will emigrate from Windsor to other climes.

Britain may become as irrelevant industrially worldwide as we seem already to be politically in Europe. On both counts this is sad.

Yours truly,
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81¾	72¾	Gas	3% 1990-95	81¾	..	4.07	10.505
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OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

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121¾	98¾	Exch	12% 2013-17	109¾	● ..	10.9	10.847

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25¾	20¾	Consols	2½%	23	..		
61¾	54¾	Conv	3½%	57¾	..		
41	33¾	Consols	4%	38¾	..		
25¾	20¾	Treas	2½%	22¾	..		
32¾	22¾	Treas	3%	27¾	..		
36¾	29¾	War Ln	3½%	32¾	● ..		

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
232	173	Abbey National (aa)	221	222	+4½	8.4	3.8	12.0
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BREWERIES

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BUILDING, ROADS

[illegible]

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

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DRAPERY, STORES

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ELECTRICALS

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FINANCE, LAND

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NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

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OILS, GAS

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

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1990 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
853	618	BAT (aa)	558	565●-1		41.5	7.4	8.7
865	597	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	690	700	+17	20.5	2.9	10.3

TRANSPORT

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The high cost of making broken families happy

LEGAL BRIEF

Divorce-law overhaul will help couples to sort out arrangements for property and their children. But, Frances Gibb asks, have the necessary support agencies enough funding

Confrontation or conciliation? Counsellors can help couples to try to sort out differences amicably

Divorce law looks set for a radical overhaul in line with recent Law Commission proposals to scrap "quickie" divorces and make divorce a one-year "process over time". Although not billed for this parliamentary session, the proposals — in which the role of fault would be scrapped and couples encouraged jointly to sort out arrangements for children, money and property — have been widely welcomed, and the government will face continuing pressure to act on them.

A central plank of the reforms is a bigger role for conciliation and mediation services to help couples resolve their disputes. The aim is to reduce the bitterness and acrimony of divorce, which many believe the present laws make worse. The idea is that couples should not be forced, as now, to "separate or recriminate", then haggle over children and money, but to decide on future plans first and only then obtain their divorce.

In this critical period, couples should have access to counselling, mediation or conciliation services. In particular, courts will have power to direct spouses to meet a conciliator or mediator to discuss the benefits of conciliation or mediation and give them a chance of taking part if they want, although this would not be compulsory. The conciliator or mediator would then be under a duty to report back to the court on the outcome of the meeting.

The proposals represent a big challenge for conciliation services and the potential for vastly increased demand. Such services are, at present, a cottage industry, variously administered and funded, and operating mostly on tight budgets. There are 53 out-of-court schemes in England and Wales under the umbrella body, the National Family Conciliation Council (NFCC), and eight in Scotland under a similar body.

Last year, in England and Wales, they jointly helped 6,000 couples in face-to-face discussion, having a success rate estimated at almost 70 per cent. Some charge *nothing, others up to £20 a person* for a session. Only a fraction of the true costs, estimated to be as little as £300 a case at best, are recoverable by the schemes. Other funding sources include local councils and charities. Couples are referred from bodies such as Relate, formerly the Marriage Guidance Council, and citizens' advice bureaux. Increasingly, though, work is also coming from the hard-pressed court-based conciliation schemes run by the probation service.

Their main emphasis is to help couples sort out problems over children. The conciliators come from a social work or counselling background and their code of practice specifically bars them *from dealing with finance or* property, which need legal expertise. However a two-year research project has been started to see whether comprehensive conciliation — tackling all problems arising on a divorce — can be offered.

The problem is cost. Legal action means expense for couples. There is no legal aid for conciliation, so the project will try to find how to provide a service with legal involvement which is able to benefit people generally, not just the better-off.

Meanwhile, couples are mostly thrown back on obtaining the help of solicitors when they want to sort out the other issues of property and finance.

A *new group, the* Family Mediators' Association, has, however, been founded, with the sole object of offering an all-in conciliation service. Under this, couples see two trained mediators at the same time — one from a counselling or social work background, the other an experienced family solicitor — who jointly give couples advice.

Diana Parker, a founder and member of the Solicitors' Family Law Association, says: "It seemed very artificial that one was not able, in the same forum, to have discussion over finance as over children. Obviously, the two are inextricably linked. My view is that it is not sufficient to train a mediator from a social-work or counselling background to have *some superficial veneer of legal* expertise. It is the experience of working as a divorce lawyer that is required."

Ms Parker, though, emphasises that the solicitor-mediator is not acting as a lawyer as such in the sessions: mediation is not a substitute, she says, for independent legal advice to each person involved. The scheme started in 1988 in London and a wider training programme has now been started.

Each mediator must undertake a five-day course and there are 160 trained mediators now throughout the country. The idea is that without putting pressure on either party or seeking to influence them, mediators can help couples work out a summary of proposals for settlement. Each party is then advised to go to a solicitor for legal advice and it can then be formalised as a legally binding agreement.

The couples can come to mediation before, after or during separation or divorce. *Sessions usually* last one-and-a-half hours at a cost of £60 a person an hour, and usually three to six sessions are needed. In an attempt to extend its services to the less well-off, the association has launched a pilot project in Devon, offering mediation to some low-income families at legal aid rates.

Lisa Parkinson, the director of the Family Mediators' Association and a pioneer of conciliation services in Britain, says: "Couples benefit from being able to talk together about possible ways of reaching a settlement and jointly agreeing arrangements with the children.

"However conciliatory solicitors may be, couples may not actually talk together if they see separate solicitors; and some communication is important, particularly where children are involved."

The NFCC and Family Mediators' Association meanwhile want to secure a pledge from the Lord Chancellor for some kind of future funding for the services, whether through legal aid (with couples paying a contribution) or through government grants.

Thelma Fisher, the director of the NFCC, says: "If we were to help even 40 per cent of divorcing couples with children under 16 now going through the courts, it would cost at least £13 million."

Reformists believe, however, that this would be a drop in the ocean against savings in court time and legal costs — and, above all, in human anguish and distress.

● *Contact: Family Mediators Association (081-954 6383); National Family Conciliation Council (0793 514055).*

Law Report November 20 1990 Queen's Bench Divisional Court

High Court has jurisdiction over application to stay a criminal trial

Regina v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Randle and Another

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Hutchison

[Judgment November 15]

The High Court had jurisdiction over an application to stay a criminal trial on the ground of abuse of process because such an application determined whether there should ever be a trial and did not affect the conduct of the trial. A direction that there should be no trial was intended to be final.

However, on the facts, the delay of 20 years in bringing the applicants to trial did not amount to abuse of process.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in rejecting an application by Michael Joseph Randle and Patrick Brian Pottle who sought an order of *certiorari* to quash the refusal of Mr Justice Macpherson on April 27, 1990 at the Central Criminal Court to stay criminal proceedings against them and an order of prohibition to prevent their arraignment and trial for aiding the escape of George Blake.

Section 29 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provides: "(3) In relation to the jurisdiction of the crown court other than its jurisdiction in matters relating to trial on indictment, the High Court shall have all such jurisdiction to make orders of *mandamus*, prohibition or *certiorari* as the High Court possesses in relation to the jurisdiction of an inferior court."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Randle; Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Tom Mackinnon for Pottle; Mr Julian Bevan and Mr David Calvert-Smith for the Crown; Mr Philip Havers as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that if the application "related to trial on indictment" the court would have no jurisdiction.

One perfectly sensible construction of section 29(3) of the Supreme Court Act 1981 involved interpreting the words "relating to" as meaning "having to do with". On the other hand the words could be understood as meaning "arising in the course of".

The applicants contended broadly for the first meaning, the Crown and Mr Havers for the second.

There was no authority directly on the point, although observations of Lord Bridge of Harwich in *In re Smalley* ([1985] AC 622) favouring a narrower interpretation were a helpful pointer. The arguments on the issue were nicely balanced and difficult to resolve.

The respondents argued that the present application was similar to an ordinary application to quash the indictment, but that was not convincing.

It might be that technically the trial of a defendant did not begin until arraignment; but in reality an application to quash was part and parcel of the trial process, invariably made at the court of trial on the day fixed for trial and determined as one of the preliminary matters affecting trial.

An application to stay on the ground that the proceedings were an abuse of process seemed to their Lordships to be in an altogether different category. It was an attempt to stop the trial taking place, not by reason of some defect in the indictment, but on grounds quite separate and distinct.

It was an application based on principles of fairness and justice, and the contention was that it would be unjust that there should be a trial at all. It was not part of the trial process in the sense that an application to quash was.

Their Lordships were inclined to accept the applicants' primary submission that a decision on an application to stay on the ground of abuse of process did not affect the conduct of a trial on indictment, because what was being determined was whether there should ever be a trial.

However, that conclusion was permissible only by distinguishing *R v Central Criminal Court, Ex parte Raymond* ((1986) 83 Cr App R 94), where Lord Justice Woolf had held that an order that an indictment should lie on the file was "an order affecting the conduct of the trial" and thus not subject to judicial review.

In their Lordships' view *Raymond* could be distinguished on the basis that a stay on the ground of abuse of process contemplated that there never would be a trial whereas an order that the indictment lie on the file marked "not to be proceeded with without leave" contemplated that there might be.

It did not matter that there were circumstances in which a stay on the ground of abuse of process might be revoked or lifted: the crucial point was that such a stay, a direction that there should be no trial, was intended to be final. It was on that basis that their Lordships had accepted earlier in the hearing of the application that they had jurisdiction.

Early in 1989 the applicants had published their book *The Blake escape. How we freed George Blake and why*, giving a detailed account of their damaging conduct in aiding Blake to escape from prison and gain the sanctuary of Russia.

It was a bare-faced chronicle of giving aid to a spy without or almost without parallel. There was now a confiscation order on the proceeds of its sale.

The applicants had submitted that there had either been a policy decision by the police in 1970 not to prosecute them following the publication of *The springing of George Blake* by Sean Bourke, their alleged co-conspirator.

Alternatively, they said that the police had been grossly negligent not to carry out enquiries of the applicants whose identity and alleged role in Blake's escape was clearly discernible from Bourke's book.

Their Lordships did not accept those submissions. The court had heard witnesses, including former Detective Chief Inspector Watts of Special Branch and a Miss A of MI5, and what they had said had confirmed the view of Mr Justice Macpherson that there was no policy decision.

The applications concerned primarily delay. They were not about any kind of inability in the applicants fairly and properly to defend themselves against the charges. In the light of the contents of their book the applicants could not claim fading memory.

There was clear authority for the proposition that delay by itself, if it was long enough, could be such as to render criminal proceedings an abuse of process.

It had been urged on the court that it would be scandalous to prosecute over events which took place more than 20 years previously; that the applicants' circumstances had so changed that it was no longer in the public interest to prosecute them and that although the offences charged were serious the maximum penalty was only five years imprisonment.

Their Lordships did not accept that it was irrelevant that the courts might suspect the applicants had no good defence. There was a significant difference between a case where guilt was squarely in issue and one in which it was suspected that it was not, or might not be. In this case it was far from being the most influential of the matters which should govern the decision.

It could not validly be argued that the police were at fault for not bringing proceedings earlier. Mr Justice Macpherson had been right to reject the contention that it would be wrong to prosecute because the applicants were under a compulsion to set the record straight and tell the true escape story.

This was an extraordinary and unique case. The delay was very long but not long enough to disable the vast majority of British people from recalling the consternation caused by the Blake escape and its serious implications.

Some people might sympathise with the applicants' predicament. It was not for their Lordships to say whether that sympathy was misplaced.

The applications would be refused.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co, Southwark; CPS; Treasury Solicitor.

Safety of other road users takes priority over police exercise

Agnew v Director of Public Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Morland

[Reasons November 9]

A crown court erred in not finding "special reasons" in circumstances where the defendant was, at the time of driving without due care and attention, a police officer on duty taking part in a police training exercise which required him to try to keep under surveillance another police car.

Nevertheless, in the present case the Divisional Court would not exercise its discretion in favour of the defendant to remove an endorsement and penalty points on his driving licence.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in giving reasons for its decision on November 2 to dismiss an appeal brought by way of case stated by the defendant, Thomas Ivan Agnew, from the dismissal by Wood Green Crown Court (Judge McMullan and justices) on May 5, 1989 of his appeal against sentence imposed by Enfield Justices on March 10, 1989.

The defendant had pleaded guilty to driving without due care and attention contrary to section 3 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1972. He was fined £150 and his licence with endorsed and five penalty points imposed.

Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning for the defendant; Mr Charles Leonard for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE MORLAND said that the crown court had found, *inter alia*, that the defendant was engaged in a police training exercise on the public road. He was driving an unmarked police vehicle and crossed a red traffic signal. His vehicle was in a minor collision with another vehicle travelling lawfully across the junction. The defendant saw the other vehicle before impact and stopped.

The defendant crossed the red light deliberately and in attempted compliance with instructions. His duty was to carry out a surveillance following a target car. The exercise was intended to be realistic.

The detective training school had instructed him to treat red traffic signals in the same manner as a give-way sign but to do that only when the requirements of the service clearly justified it.

Mr Carter-Manning contended that the fact the defendant was on a police training exercise should amount to special reasons *why there should* be no endorsement of his licence or imposition of penalty points.

The crown court had said, *inter alia*, that while a real emergency or operational imposed on a police or other driver by outside circumstances might justify a different order of *priorities from that* normally observed when driving on the roads, participation in an exercise, however useful, was not so imposed and could not and should not be equated with the pressures of a real situation.

In his Lordship's opinion both Mr Carter-Manning and the crown court had erred in elevating the circumstances of an individual case to a category which could amount in law to special reasons.

The correct approach was for the court to consider the circumstances of the case and determine whether they satisfied the *four conditions laid down* by Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice, in *Whittal v Kirby* ([1947] KB 194) and highlighted by Mr Justice Devlin in *R v Wickins* ((1958) 42 Cr App R 236).

The conditions were (i) a mitigating or extenuating circumstance (ii) not amounting to a defence in law (iii) which was directly connected with the commission of the offence and (iv) that the matter was one which the court ought properly to take into consideration when imposing punishment.

If the court had found special reasons, it had to exercise judicially its discretion whether or not to disqualify or endorse the licence and impose penlty points.

In the present case the four *conditions* were *fulfilled* but the court's discretion would not be exercised in the defendant's favour.

There were two competing considerations. The first was the need for realistic police driver training in actual road conditions and the second, the safety of lawful users of the highway.

The second had always to be paramount. The defendant did not comply with the instruction to treat the red traffic signal as a give-way sign; instead he entered the junction failing to see the other vehicle until too late.

Lord Justice Taylor delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Russell Jones & Walker; CPS, Wood Green.

Necessity of clear and explicit direction as to character

Regina v Kabariti

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment November 7]

There could be few exceptions to the need for an explicit and clear direction as to character in those cases where character and credit were in issue but those occasions on which a defendant had previously lied during the course of an investigation were not among them.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) so held when refusing the appeal of Waed Kabariti *against his conviction* at the Central Criminal Court on October 7, 1988 (Judge Nina Lowry and a jury) of offences of rape and buggery of a girl aged 14 and his sentence of 12 years imprisonment.

Mr John Harwood-Stevenson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr David Bate for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that the appellant was a Jordanian, now aged 23, who had been a student in England since 1981.

The ground of the appeal was that the judge had misdirected the jury is relation to the character of the defendant. A passage in *Archbold, Criminal Pleading Evidence & Practice* (43rd edition (1988) paragraph 4-436) referred to it not being necessary in summing up to make any reference to the *character of the defendant*.

Defence counsel in his final address had explicitly gone through the guidance set out in *R v Berrada* (*The Times* February 20, 1989) for the judge when dealing with character, therefore the jury had had the benefit of counsel setting out the guidelines but they had not had the direction from the judge. That was regrettable.

There was a duty on the judge to give directions on the lines clearly set out in *Berrada*.

In the case of *R v Watson* (unreported, CA February 19, 1990) in the course of which judgment *Berrada* had been cited with approval, the impression given might have been given that such a direction on character might not be necessary where the defendant had previously told lies in the course of the investigation.

If that was that court's intention then their *Lordships* did not agree. It clearly was necessary to give the direction whether the defendant had told lies before the trial or not.

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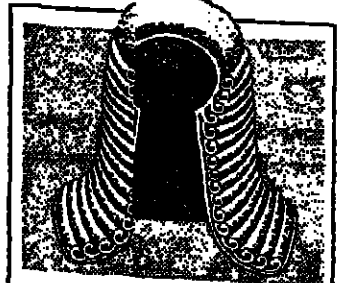

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Experts with a role to play

Solicitors make too little use of their legal executives. Edward Fennell outlines their value

TONY WHITE

Assets to any practice: some of the legal executives under training at Nabarro Nathanson, the London firm

Legal executives are a great under-utilised resource. Firms with scores of partners and hundreds of lawyers frequently have a dozen or fewer legal executives. Yet a qualified legal executive can provide a professional service that benefits the client and is cost-effective for the firm.

Legal executives are under-used and under-appreciated because of one of the fundamental flaws in the modern solicitor's make-up. Solicitors tend to be mediocre management delegators and, because of the emphasis given to their professional qualifications, people at lower levels are in danger of being underrated.

However, now that greater emphasis is being given to making the most of all members of a firm, two themes are emerging.

First, employing legal executives can provide an alternative means of obtaining fully qualified solicitors. Gerry Cronin, who recently gained honours in the Law Society finals, is a good example. He joined Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens, the London firm, as a clerk, aged 16. The firm paid his fees and gave him study time, and he qualified as a legal executive. He was allowed then, under Law Society rules, to train as a solicitor. As a result, Denton Hall now has a solicitor in the litigation department who is a highly experienced practical lawyer, and it has not had the problems and expense of graduate recruitment.

Mr Cronin's success is likely to be echoed at Nabarro Nathanson. Richard Holt, a partner, who was previously a legal executive, is encouraging the development of a legal executive programme that could lead others to take that path to become solicitors. Richard Norrie, the director of studies at the Institute of Legal Executives, says there could be a growing number of talented school-leavers who are deterred by the cost of higher education but want to become better qualified through a "vocational" route. This may take longer than the degree system, but it is much cheaper and gives a grass-roots view of legal practice.

Second, the legal executive qualification is a worthwhile qualification in itself, and it can solve skill needs for many high-street firms that cannot attract graduates.

Mr Norrie says the legal executive qualification is increasingly popular with those aged between late twenties and late thirties, particularly women returners. They realise it is a qualification that will benefit them for the rest of their careers.

To make the qualification system as accessible as possible, the Institute of Legal Executives tutorial services (ITS) provides a home study tuition service so that trainees can prepare for the examinations by themselves. The records show that ITS students have a 50 per cent better chance of passing the examinations than those who have studied elsewhere.

The hitch is in partners' attitudes. Many "para-legals" in Britain do not have qualifications, have not received formal training and have no clear career development path. Their *training* and *responsibilities* are treated on a characteristically British *ad hoc* basis. The individuals who have pursued qualifications have usually depended on their own drive and determination, and an employer's backing tends to be a reward for good service.

Mr Holt and Mr Norrie, however, argue that support staff should be placed on a career and qualification path because it makes good sense for the firm. Qualified staff are usually better motivated and understand better what they are doing. The result is less need for supervision and more billable hours for assistant solicitors and partners.

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When you cannot use your own name

NEWSPAPERS have recently carried reports of a successful legal action in Britain by Gucci, the luxury goods company, which led to Paolo Gucci being ordered not to sell goods under his own name.

In some cases, an individual may not use his family name for business because he has sold the rights to the name. In others, it follows from the insolvency of a company that bore the founder's name. The case of Signor Gucci seems, however, to fall into a more general category, and one which has caused the courts much difficulty.

They have struggled to balance two competing principles: that an established business should not suffer because others seek to divert trade by adopting a similar name, and that an individual has the right to conduct business under his own name.

Whenever a court has concluded that there has been artificiality, or fraud, in the adoption of a trading name, it has decided in favour of the existing business. But what should the court do when, for example, the defendant is the son of the plaintiff and wants to use the family name as the name of his business?

That was the situation in the 1853 *Burgess Essence of Anchovies* case. The judge decided that the son was not misrepresenting his goods as those of his father. He was just stating the truth; that they were his own. Since then, there has been a trend away from the dogma of an *individual's absolute right to use his* own name.

It is now clear that, provided the plaintiff's name has become so closely associated with his goods or business and, in effect, become a trademark, any competitor who innocently uses his own name will be judged in the same way as any other third party.

No general principle on the rights of the individual will protect him and neither will he be able to shelter behind the theory that an honest trader will not be restrained from trading under his name, no matter how confusing, provided that he does not apply it to the goods which he sells.

In the case of Paolo Gucci, the judge had been tempted to follow the decision of a United States court on the same issue. Under that judgment, Paolo Gucci had been permitted to use his own name, provided his goods bore a different trademark and a notice that they were not produced by the family company. However, because the judge concluded that Paolo Gucci had ignored those restrictions, he saw no point in imposing similar ones here.

CHRIS RYAN

● *The author is a solicitor with Norton Rose.*

INNS AND OUTS

Freshfields has now opened its Frankfurt office, complete with its team of German lawyers, but the local competition may be hotter than expected. Faced with a steady flow of British and American firms opening in Frankfurt, and their declared intention to practise local law, domestic German firms are showing they intend to fight back. The latest response is the creation of Germany's largest law firm through the merger of three leading practices, Bruckhaus Kreifels Winkhaus & Lieberknecht, Westrick & Eckholdt, and Stegemann Sieveking Lutteroth & Steeger. The firm will have 100 lawyers. The three firms pull no punches in explaining their merger decision. They are responding not only to the changed demands of German and international business, "but also to the competition of foreign law firms with many hundreds of lawyers". They point out that some have both German and foreign lawyers. In the Sixties French law firms failed to recognise the threat from British and American firms and they lost lucrative international and financial related work. Freshfields may believe it is competing with English and American rivals, but if it expects a repeat of its French experience, it should think again.

Whatever the outcome of the Conservative leadership election and Michael Heseltine's pledge to review the community charge, the effect of the unpopular tax is *being felt throughout Britain on the citizens' advice bureaux.* The bureaux are often the first port of call for people with legal problems, and many of them are funded at least in part by local authorities. Cuts are being made by a number of authorities, both Labour and Conservative — Basildon council has reduced its grant to the three bureaux in the borough by a quarter and North Tyneside has completely cut its grant to North Shields bureau with effect from October 1. Other centres, such as the two in the Surrey borough of Elmbridge, have had a last-minute reprieve, but the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux is growing increasingly concerned about funding for the network and is seeking a commitment from central government.

Strange it may seem, but Oxford has never had a lecturer in commercial law. Appalled by this deficiency, an Oxford-based firm of solicitors, Linnells, has donated £100,000 to the Campaign for Oxford to fund the post of a commercial lecturer for at least seven years. The lectureship will be connected to St Anne's College. Until now the college has had just one law fellow and has had to borrow a second from Jesus College. Margaret Howatson, the senior tutor of St Anne's, says: "Our single law fellow has been extremely hard pressed. This appointment will be of enormous benefit to the college, enabling us to resume our intake of top-flight lawyers." The Oxford law faculty is introducing a new course in commercial law this year.

Britain is a country that claims to produce the best advocates in the world, yet it has a dismal record in international moots. In particular, no British team has ever won the Jessup International Law Moot Court *Competition. The national administrator,* Dr Rebecca Wallace, of the University of Strathclyde, hopes to change all that and has solicited substantial sponsorship. "I am working to raise the profile of the event within the UK," Dr Wallace says. "I hope to run the competition on American lines and hold it all under one roof for the first time." The competition is intended to promote international law and the skills of advocacy. It is open to teams of two to five students from law schools and international law-related graduate programmes. The moot problem is based on a dispute involving issues of anti-trust law and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt). The teams will have to present written memorials and oral pleadings for both sides of the problem. The British round will be held in Glasgow next February. The winners will go on to represent Britain in the international round in Washington DC.

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Defeated champion feels he has two more contests in him before retirement

Deflated Benn counts cost

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

NIGEL Benn was counting the cost of his "grudge fight" with Chris Eubank, the man he wanted to silence forever at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Sunday night.

His dark glasses after the bout hid bruised eyes (one completely shut), dented pride, a deflated ego and a brain numbed with pain. Apart from marrying his girlfriend, Sharron, in a Las Vegas chapel on his 27th birthday, Benn had little idea about his future.

Choking back the tears he said: "I tried my hardest. I don't know whether I've still got it. I'm sorry – I really am very sorry."

His $5 million plan for unification of titles is clearly not on, but Bob Arum, his American promoter, believed Benn still had good fights in him. "If Nigel wants to continue he has to know he has Top Rank in his corner." But Benn said he wanted only two contests, one of which could be against Michael Nunn, the IBF champion, next autumn.

"I feel my body is nearly exhausted. I'd like to fight Michael Watson. We must do it again," he said, embracing the man who showed the world how to tame him.

Benn was full of contradictions when it came to explaining his inability to put the man he hated, for reasons best known to him, in his place. "I trained my butt off and gave 110 per cent in the ring. But in the fourth he caught me and it squeezed my eye. Every time he hit me the pain was killing me. I just couldn't tell how far he was from me."

He added, "I don't want to take anything away from Chris Eubank." You knew a "but" was coming and it came. Benn claimed he was 6lb overweight on the day of the contest. "I was 11-12 this morning and I did not know what to do. We ran six miles and I was in the sauna for half an hour." He said his dietician had gone back to the United States, leaving him a diet sheet which he followed, but he was shocked to find he was so much overweight. "That's not my excuse. If I had checked my weight I would not have any problem," Benn said.

Benn's claim is difficult to believe. Certainly other trainers were sceptical. One said: "If he took off 6lb on the day of the fight he would not have lasted three rounds. Anyway, a fighter's weight is checked every day. If his wasn't checked somebody wasn't doing his job." I hope the British board will not treat this as one of those theatrical claims from across Tower Bridge and look into it, especially after their letter to managers and trainers about the dangers of dehydration.

It was also difficult to credit the assessment of two of the judges who had Benn in front at the end, with the third judge giving Eubank a similar lead. American judges tend to favour the man appearing to go forward but most ringsiders had Eubank well in front. On my card he was at least three rounds ahead.

Once more Eubank exposed Benn's lack of boxing skills (though they have improved from the Watson days), particularly his defence. Even Benn's big punch did not deter Eubank, who showed that when the "on-top fighter" is on the receiving end his retaliation is not too controlled.

At the end one was left marvelling at Eubank's courage. He took Benn's best punches – once his whole body trembled before turning rigid – yet he never let Benn capitalise on the big punch and came straight back and wiped out the advantage.

No wonder Richard Steele, the American referee, said: "I've refereed 79 world title fights and this one was in the very top category." Dalby Shirley, a judge who had Benn a point ahead, said: "The shots thrown and taken were amazing. This was my fortieth world title fight and this comes into my top five."

Michael Watson, of Islington, making his first appearance after his defeat by Mike McCallum, of Jamaica, seven months ago, took just two rounds and 48 seconds to demolish Errol Christie, of Coventry.

RESULTS: WBO world middleweight championship: Chris Eubank (Brighton) bt Nigel Benn (Ilford), rsc, ninth. Welter (8 rounds): Errol McDonald (Nottingham) bt Ray Taylor (Manchester), retired, third. Middle (10 rounds): Michael Watson (Islington) bt Errol Christie (Coventry), ko, third; (six rounds): Paul Busby (Birmingham) bt Carlos Christie (Birmingham), pts. Super-middle (8 rounds): Sean Heron (Edinburgh) bt Dave Owens (Castleford), pts. Cruiser (six rounds): Herbie Hide (Norwich) bt Steve Lewsam (Grimsby), rsc, first.

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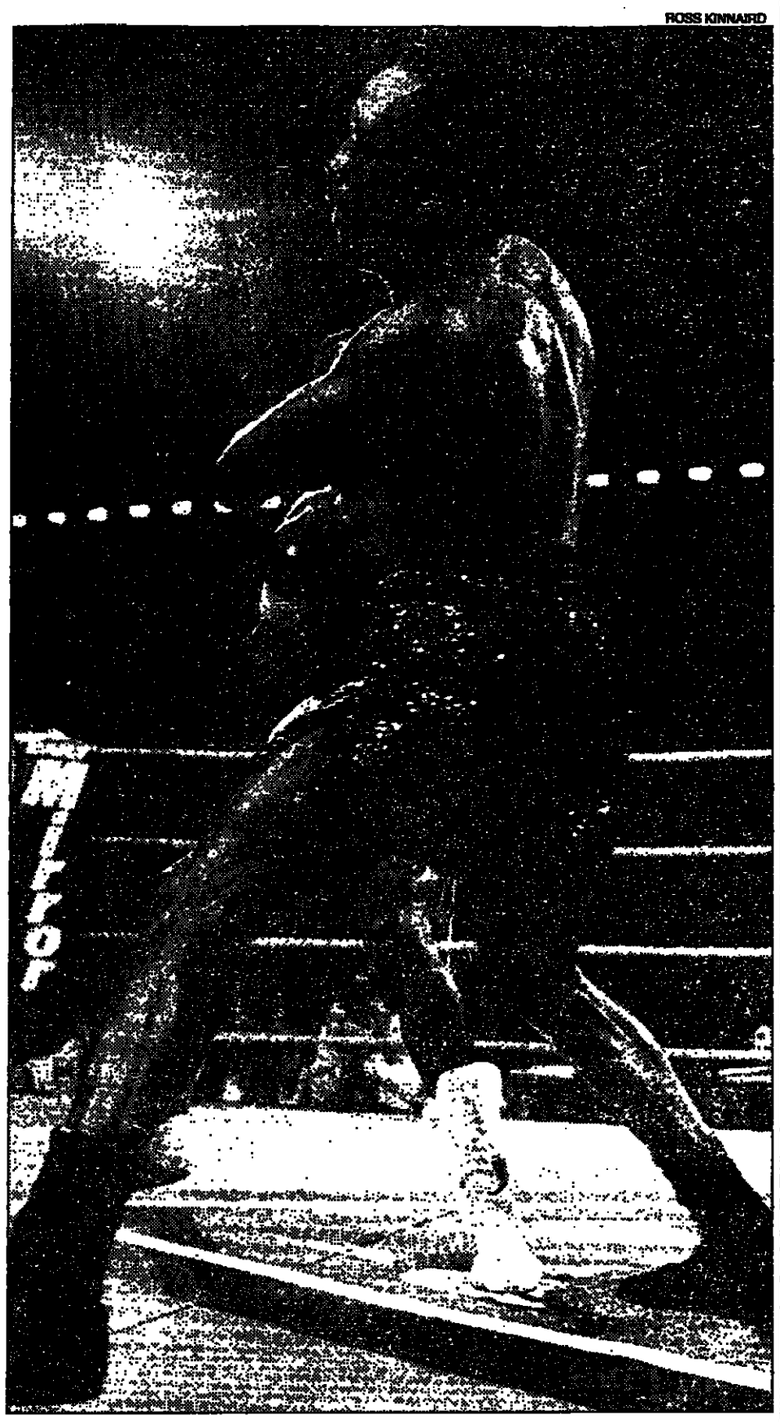

The Sunday punch: spray flies and Benn staggers as Eubank connects with a left

HOCKEY

Australia find a substitute for skill

From SYDNEY FRISKIN IN MELBOURNE

Australia 3
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ALTHOUGH it is often argued there is no substitute for skill, Australia proved that there is one when their deployment of sound tactics enabled them to cancel out the artistry of Pakistan in the Champions Trophy tournament here yesterday.

A crowd of about 5,000 saw the destruction of Pakistan's marvellous running by Australia's three half backs, notably Birmingham, who seldom allowed a Pakistan attack to flourish. Once his purpose was achieved, it was left to the men in front to put the opposition under pressure.

Yesterday's match was the resumption of a conflict that started in February at Lahore, where Pakistan defeated Australia 2-1 in the semi-finals of the World Cup, and carried on in June in Amsterdam, where, in the BMW Trophy, Pakistan drew 4-4 with Australia.

In such circumstances, tension was bound to run high enough to demand stricter control by the umpires. In fact, they let the situation get out of hand, resulting in the temporary dismissal of Anjum Saeed, the Pakistan right half.

Australia had earlier taken the lead in the seventeenth minute with Stacy converting their first short corner with a scoop into the net. A strong hit by Hager from another short corner summoned Shahid to make a fine save in the 28th minute.

A shot by Khalid Bashir from a short corner in the 41st minute was stopped and cleared, leaving the Pakistanis claiming a penalty stroke. The appeal was turned down and, in the 47th minute, Hager scored Australia's second goal. Australia eventually sealed the match with a goal in the 67th minute by Deane, a substitute.

AUSTRALIA: L Dreher; K Wark, M York, J Stacy, W Birmingham (captain), D Evans, S Davies, D Wainsbrough (sub: A Carey), M Hager (sub: A Deane), G Reid, G Corbett.

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Umpires: R Kentwell (US), R Lichouwers (Neth).

● The Soviet Union lost 1-0 to Netherlands, Jacques Brinkman scoring the only goal in the 68th minute.

RESULTS: The Netherlands 1, Soviet Union 0; Australia 3, Pakistan 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netherlands	2	2	0	0	6	0	4
Australia	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Pakistan	2	1	0	1	6	6	2
Germany	2	1	0	1	4	6	2
USSR	2	0	0	2	1	3	0
Great Britain	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

BASKETBALL

English game may again savour the charisma of Irish

By NICHOLAS HARLING

WHATEVER else might befall Kingston between now and the end of the season, it should not be lack of playing resources. The likelihood of injuries and the need to reinforce a powerful squad that faces a demanding programme of 40 games in 21 weeks, starting with tomorrow's NatWest Trophy second leg at home to Thames Valley Tigers, has hastened the coach's hand.

Kevin Cadle, hoping to end Colin Irish's two-year sabbatical from the game, was encouraged in receiving two phone calls over the weekend from the former England international who collected two league championship-winning medals with Portsmouth.

Once the most charismatic figure in the English game, Irish has been out of action since suffering whiplash in a car accident in the United States after Portsmouth's demise two years ago. "His major concern is how well his body will stand up to playing for us," Cadle said yesterday. "But I'm only looking for someone to come in and play maybe 10 minutes a game. I need someone who can come in and do some things."

Lorenzo Duncan, the American who averaged 22 points a game for Hemel Royals two seasons ago, also fits Cadle's bill. Once a work permit can be arranged, Duncan will hope to join Irish and Kingston in time for their opening fixture in Salonika on December 13 in the final pool of the European Cup.

Cadle has acted despite Kingston having made good a 41-40 half-time deficit at Sunderland on Sunday to dispose of their nearest Carlsberg League rivals 92-79 and open up a four-point gap at the top. Foul trouble had led to most of Kingston's problems in the first half.

Victory was doubly satisfying for Cadle since Craig Lynch, the Sunderland coach, was one man who has doubted Kingston's credentials. So also has Jeff Jones, the Manchester coach, is another but he, too, suffered defeat, in his case for the second time in three weeks at Derby. Ernest Lee accumulated 51pts, including eight three-pointers.

RESULTS: Carlsberg league: First division: Mace Worthing 80 (Shackleford 19, Rogers 17, Hubbard 17), Thames Valley 68 (Jenkins 26, Scantlebury 15, Sewell 12); Derby 98 (Lee 51, Nurse 15), Manchester 95 (Lang 18, Kearney 18); London Docklands 85 (Cole 36, Bailey 19), Thames Valley 119 (Jenkins 30, Roberts 16); Sunderland 79 (Vaughan 18, Paterson 15, Bucknall 15), Kingston 92 (Cunningham 30, Clark 22, Gordon 14). Second division: Broxbourne 90, Coventry 63; Cheshire 125, Plymouth 92; Doncaster 96, Watford 100 (after OT); Oldham 80, Bury 69. Third division: Calderdale 45, Leicester 47; Cheshire 77, Greenwich 86; Kirklees 105, Swindon 69; North London 85, Chiltern 84; Swindon 58, Barnsley 65. First division: Wessex London YMCA 80, Rhondda 47; Nottingham 61, Sheffield 63; Tyneside 63, London Jets 58; Northampton 63, Crystal Palace 48. Second division: Hemel Hempstead 99, Camberley 70; Swindon 35, South Tyneside 70; Sunderland 31, Leicester 54; Kirklees 70, Wirral 84; Northampton 67, Harlesden 64.

● Edinburgh will stage the revived Commonwealth championships from June 29 to July 7 in 1991.

Out of game but still in reckoning

By NICHOLAS HARLING

THE ten players omitted from the original pool of 22 for England's forthcoming games in the semi-final round of the European championship could be forgiven for casting angry glances in the direction of Jason Fogerty, one of the 12 retained.

Whereas the ten have been active this season, Fogerty's only exercise since he left the Manchester club last spring has been training at Halifax Leisure Centre with the local third division club, Calderdale. He has been devoting the rest of his time to developing a pub.

He has been such an inspiration for club and country, however, that David Ransom, the England coach, has invited the 6ft 8in centre to add to his 38 caps in the games against Spain, Yugoslavia and West Germany.

"There has been no hiding place for Jason when it's been just me and him in the gym," Ransom said. "Fortunately, his weight is no problem and his stamina is pretty good."

Among the ten exclusions is Fogerty's former Manchester and England team-mate, David Gardner, who voluntarily dropped to the second division with Cheshire because of police work.

There are five new caps: Alton Byrd, a naturalised Englishman, according to FIBA regulations; Obaseki, who was born in London of Nigerian parents; and three men who have played for Great Britain, Bucknall, Miller and Henlan.

ENGLAND SQUAD (v Spain in Murcia, Nov 28; v Yugoslavia, Albert Hall, London, Dec 1; and v West Germany, Aston Villa, Dec 5): R Baker (Worthing), A Byrd, M Clark, M Henlan (all Kingston), J Moore (Hemel Hempstead Royals), S Bucknall, P Scantlebury, C Vaughan (all Sunderland), M Obaseki, C Miller (both Manchester), A Balogun (Thames Valley Tigers), J Fogerty (unattached).

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There are 32 BBC stations in England and the Channel Islands, and six more are opening in the near future. There are more than 100 independent local radio (ILR) stations, and the Radio Authority, which comes into being at the beginning of next year, will want to establish about 30 new stations every year for the foreseeable future.

The two stations that make up Aire FM – Magic 828, in Leeds, are typical of local radio in that they have a precise target audience. They broadcast from the same building to a potential audience of 1.25 million people. Aire FM is a chart station, playing pop music for listeners in the 15-34 age bracket, interspersed with local information, two-minute news bulletins and competitions. Magic 828 plays golden oldies and produces four-minute news bulletins. The age of presenters varies at each station.

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Like most local stations, Aire FM – Magic 828 produces programmes with a social message. The organisation won a Sony award in 1986 for the best children's programme of the year, *Say No to Strangers*, which had schools, police forces and social services departments telephoning to request copies.

The two stations are now preparing a drugs awareness programme because "we know from the police that there is crack on the streets in some parts of the city". One station will slant the approach towards parents, and the other will prefer to run interviews and warnings from pop stars.

What are the job opportunities in local radio? Behind the scenes are managers and policy-makers, heads of music, album librarians, engineers and technicians. In independent stations, there are also sales and advertising sections. Every station has a news department, which is made up of reporters and sub-editors. Their most vital skill is the ability to write to time. A news item cannot exceed the number of seconds it is allocated. As well as compiling bulletins, they may have to read them on air.

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The backgrounds of programme staff vary. Although radio is fast filling up with graduates, people with degrees do not have automatic priority. Paul Fairburn, the head of programmes at the Leeds stations, is a graduate, "but I spent a lot of vacation time working at a local station", while Mrs Larder (see profile) came up through the ranks.

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DAVID HICKES

Keeping in touch: at the radio station Linda Larder spends much of her time listening to other people's ideas

PROFILE

LINDA LARDER is the production manager at Aire FM – Magic 828. "Other stations might call me assistant programmes controller. Basically, I make sure that everything happens. I organise staff rotas, get scripts to studios, liaise between the station and the Independent Broadcasting Authority – oversee the entire management side."

Beginning her career as a secretary in a BBC station in Nottingham, she reached her present position through being a personal assistant to the production controller of Central Television and a secretary at the Leeds station.

Her career has been fairly typical, she says. "If you are keen and do just that bit more than required, you can get a break. My first promotion here was to production assistant. That involved setting up outside broadcasts, arranging interviews and doing all the programme adminstration. I first went on air when someone was ill, and an interview had to be done. I began to take over more production work, became a producer and finally reached my present level.

"While I was working as a producer, I came up with the idea for the *Say No to Strangers* programme and thoroughly enjoyed following it through. I wrote the script, did the music and interviewed my own children.

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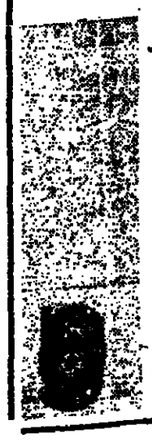

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CRICKET

Akram turns match Pakistan's way as Marshall falls

From JOHN WOODCOCK IN KARACHI

BY REMOVING Marshall's off stump with two overs to go here yesterday, Wasim Akram left West Indies clinging on only by their fingertips in the first Test match. At 172 for seven in their second innings they lead Pakistan by a mere 88 runs.

With Logie, Marshall had added 39 for West Indies' second wicket and been in for 85 minutes and, with three substitutes in the field, Pakistan were beginning to look a little more like the Pakistan we used to know. A bruised thigh, the result of being hit by Ambrose while batting, had kept Imran in the pavilion since the end of Pakistan's first innings, 20 minutes into the day, and Waqar Younis and Qadir had both withdrawn, Waqar with a chafed crotch, a not uncommon complaint in the heat, and Qadir partly, I fancy, because his confidence is chafed.

But Akram, who, all day, had been slanting the ball this way and that, now went round the wicket, from where he got past Marshall's forward defensive stroke. If West Indies can bat for another hour and leave Pakistan with, say, 130 to make, they could still, by hook or by crook, survive. It is not so much that the ball is shooting: it is just not bouncing, which will make the West Indian fast bowlers, operating to fields set well back, difficult to get away.

Pakistan had reckoned before play had begun that the key to their winning was the separation of Greenidge and Haynes. Even with only one of them gone they believed that at one end the door would be ajar. If this was to underrate Richardson's standing as a world-class batsman, it proved to be fairly near the mark. The fact of the matter is that in 106 Test innings, numbers four, five and six in the West Indian order — Best, Hooper and Logie — have made only four hundreds between them, and Dujon, at number seven, has not made a Test fifty for over two years.

In the event Haynes, although he was to be seen retching in the heat, and Greenidge, made a brisk enough start for Miandad, captaining Pakistan in Imran's absence, soon to be setting a very cautious field. When Qadir came on after seven overs, West Indies were 30 for no wicket and ten runs came off his first over, including four leg-side byes. But in his fourth over he had Greenidge stumped, pushing forward to a leg break and slightly overbalancing. For the second time in the match Greenidge affected surprise at the decision, though as in the first innings the television suggested there was no good reason for his doing so.

The umpires were always likely to come in for critical scrutiny, and so they did. The first six West Indian wickets fell in answer to appeals, even Dujon's although he was clearly bowled off an inside edge. All those given out looked out, as did one or two that were not.

If the two English Johns, Hampshire and Holder, had been standing, as they were when India were here, a year ago, I doubt whether there would have been a single murmur of dissent. As it was, Richardson and particularly Best, as well as Greenidge, seemed prepared to blame the umpires more than themselves.

Once again Waqar bowled the most significant spell. Coming back after lunch, taken at 55 for one, he had Richardson leg before to a ball that kept low, and in the same over Haynes was caught at the wicket driving at something well up but very wide. When Akram replaced Waqar, Hooper was leg before. This was a lovely piece of bowling by Akram, Hooper being made to play and miss at successive outswingers before shouldering arms to an inswinger. When Best, playing back to a quicker ball from Mushtaq that scuttled through at him, West Indies were 111 for five.

In keeping the match just alive, after Dujon had been out to the second ball after tea (an unlikely success for Shoaib's occasional off-breaks), Logie and Marshall needed only one slice of luck, Marshall surviving a firm, low chance to Miandad at short extra cover off Waqar.

Logie has always been a fighter, and for Hampshire last season Marshall averaged 45, 11 more than their No. 3 (who happens to be England's too). From Pakistan's point of view Marshall was now playing uncomfortably well when Akram probably, though not quite for certain, settled the match.

WEST INDIES: First Innings 261 (D L Haynes 117; Waqar Younis five for 76).

Second Innings

C G Greenidge st Yousuf b Qadir	11
*D L Haynes c Yousuf b Younis	47
R B Richardson lbw b Younis	11
C A Best lbw b Mushtaq	8
C L Hooper lbw b Akram	0
A L Logie not out	51
†P J L Dujon b Shoaib	1
M D Marshall b Akram	21
C E L Ambrose not out	0
Extras (b 10, lb 6, nb 6)	22
Total (7 wkts)	172

C A Walsh and I R Bishop to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-85, 3-86, 4-90, 5-111, 6-127, 7-166.

BOWLING: Younis 15-2-42-2; Akram 19-6-34-2 (nb6); Mushtaq 15-6-38-1; Qadir 8-1-22-1 (nb1); Shoaib 5-1-15-1; Malik 1-0-5-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Shoaib Mohammad c Richardson b Marshall	86
Ramiz Raja b Bishop	0
Zahid Fazal c Logie b Ambrose	7
Javed Miandad c Dujon b Bishop	7
Salim Malik c Dujon b Marshall	102
*Imran Khan not out	73
†Saleem Yousuf b Ambrose	5
Wasim Akram c Richardson b Walsh	9
Mushtaq Ahmed c Richardson b Ambrose	3
Abdul Qadir c Dujon b Ambrose	0
Waqar Younis c Hooper b Bishop	5
Extras (b 7, lb 14, w 1, nb 26)	48
Total	345

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-16, 3-27, 4-201, 5-261, 6-296, 7-313, 8-318, 9-318.

BOWLING: Ambrose 34-7-78-4 (nb5); Bishop 27 2-3-81-3 (nb8); Marshall 24-5-48-2 (nb3, w1); Walsh 19-0-50-1 (nb10); Hooper 28-6-65-0; Best 1-0-2-0.

Umpires: Khizar Hayat and Riazullah.

Selectors reward Matthews for curbing his eccentricity

From ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
HOBART

LIKE some rock musician consumed by protest songs, Greg Matthews's cricket life was a statement that always ended with an exclamation mark. He was the angry young man who became a cult figure and then, just as suddenly, disappeared. After four years he returns to the Test match stage in Brisbane on Friday, claiming to be a better cricketer and a happier man.

Matthews last played Test cricket in 1986, against England in Melbourne. Australia lost inside three days and the consequent carnage saw the zany Matthews banished. Poor form was only the prelude to a predictable confrontation with the authorities.

By last winter he had lost his confidence and his place in the New South Wales side. He might even have lost his love of the game. Instead, he reappraised his direction, redoubled his efforts, and began a remarkable comeback which has its reward with inclusion in the Australian 12 to start the Ashes series.

Bruce Reid, whose return is equally praiseworthy, fills the other contentious place and both may be in the eventual line-up, with Carl Rackemann left out. Reid has had four back operations since breaking down in Pakistan two years ago when one of the most effective new-ball bowlers in the world.

The Australian selectors had planned to give him more time, but by bowling 46 overs, and taking 11 wickets, in Western Australia's match at Adelaide which finished yesterday, he plainly answered all their questions. Every England batsman would rather he had been left out.

Matthews's 22nd Test cap will depend on the pitch and whether a spin bowler is thought necessary. But that he has got this far is testimony to the resolve of a character whose eccentricity has been mellowed by the years of neglect.

Contemplating his return to favour in Hobart yesterday, he was still not the expected face of the international athlete. Aside from the stud in his left ear, he wore designer stubble and smoked a cigarette. The hair which was once his spiky insignia has thinned and receded. "There's not much I can do with it any more," he smiles.

"Being left out of my state side last year came as a big shock to me," he said. "I had a lot to sort out and I sought a lot of advice. Many people deserve my thanks."

Matthews, whose record includes three Test centuries, has concentrated much more on his bowling "because I had no chance of breaking into this Australian side as a batsman". He has also, consciously or not, shown a new and mature personality at the age of 30.

"Life is a progression," is one of his pet phrases and yesterday, having uttered it, he added: "If I have improved as a person, hopefully I have also improved as a player, because I am more content with myself."

But he is not, thankfully, a completely sanitised character. The Ashes series will be all the more fascinating for his return.

Australia party

TEAM (from): A R Border (captain), G R Marsh, M A Taylor, D C Boon, D M Jones, S R Waugh, I A Healy, G R J Matthews, M G Hughes, C G Rackemann, T M Alderman, B A Reid.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Reilly recalls Lydon

WITH several new options open to him, Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, has delayed until today the naming of the team to face Australia in the third British Coal international at Elland Road on Saturday (Keith Macklin writes).

Reilly has brought Joe Lydon, the Wigan back, and Mike Gregory, the Warrington skipper and loose forward, into his squad, both of whom missed the first two games of the series through injury. There is also a strong possibility that Reilly will recall to the squad Jonathan Davies, of Widnes, who had excellent game against the Australians on Sunday.

The Australian team is unchanged for Saturday's decisive match. There is a change among the replacements, Gillespie coming in for Cartwright.

AUSTRALIA: G Belcher (Canberra); A Ettingshausen (Cronulla), M Meninga (Canberra), L Daley (Canberra), D Shearer (Brisbane); C Lyons (Manly), R Stuart (Canberra); S Roach (Balmain), B Elias (Balmain), G Lazarus (Canberra), P Sironen (Balmain), R Lindner (Western Suburbs), B Mackay (St George). Replacements: G Alexander (Penrith), D Hasler (Manly), D Gillespie (Canterbury), M Sargent (Newcastle).

Three is not a crowd at swimming training

TONY HALL

Computer game: Pickering and the lactate analyser which regulates her training for the world championships

A scientific formula for gold

By CRAIG LORD

WINNING a world title may not be as easy as one, two, three, but for Karen Pickering a triangular formula is at the root of a progression from good club swimmer to a potential gold medal winner.

Pickering, her coach and their scientific adviser have combined with the cool calculation of the kind that saw East German women lift 44 out of a possible 72 world titles in the last 17 years. The partnership will be put to the test when Pickering, aged 18, from Ipswich, steps on to the starting blocks at the sixth world championships in Perth, Australia, in January, the British team for which was announced yesterday.

Using Analox Instruments testing equipment, originally designed to test diabetics, Dr Malcolm Robson, a former army medical officer, calculates the rate at which Pickering should train. It is crucial that workouts are neither too easy nor set at such a pace as to allow lactic acid to build up to damaging levels in the muscle tissue. The scientist's interpretation of test results is then passed on to Dave Champion, Pickering's coach, who sets his programmes accordingly.

As training progresses and, in the case of Pickering, a sprint to middle-distance specialist, aerobic capacity improves, so the training level changes, with alarmingly accurate race predictions as a bonus.

A year ago, Pickering was clocking about 2min 08sec for 200 metres freestyle and was struggling to make national finals. At the same time, she was ranked in the top 20 in the world at the 100 metres with 56.82sec, which earned her sixth place at the European championships. At the International Cup in Rome in August, the 100 metres time stood still after four days of hard racing. But Pickering's 200 metres took all except her triangle partners by surprise. A second-place 2min 01.57sec was a best time by more than three seconds and cast her among the world's best ten.

Dr Robson said: "There is an element of risk in all these things and when Karen and Dave first started working this system we made mistakes. But things gradually fell into place and the process is now quite smooth. Central to what I call the sporting triangle is the interpretation of results which give Karen her training levels, and, crucially, tell us how much recovery time she needs, that is, how much rest to avoid lactic acid build-up."

Champion points to Pickering's progress at the 200 metres as evidence that the system working. "Karen's progress has been amazing," he said. "It's very satisfying for a coach to witness that kind of improvement.

"I think more clubs should take up testing as an aid to coaching, although with the thought in mind that there is no substitute for hard work, it's just the type of hard work that matters. Working like this has given Karen enormous self-confidence and will help her succeed in Perth."

For Pickering, the triangle provides security — a belief in what she is doing by knowing why she is carrying out a particular exercise in training.

"Before Dave and Malcolm, it had always been pumped into me that I was a pure sprinter and I can remember doing endless short races as an age-grouper," she said. "I now know that was wrong. I've learned to pace, to control, to use the water to my advantage. My target times for Perth are sub-56 seconds on the 100 and sub-two minutes on the 200."

Expense and a desire to lift standards has kept the selectors true to a policy that will see Britain represented by its smallest but arguably most elite squad in the 17-year history of the championships. All seven men and eight women who will compete at Perth are potential finalists, having made qualifying standards based on the best 16 times in the world.

Hopes of gold medals rest with breaststroke specialists. Adrian Moorhouse is Olympic champion and world record holder at 100 metres, Nick Gillingham is European champion at 200 metres, and James Parrack, ranked third in the world should rival his Leeds colleague in the 100 metres.

Pickering heads medal hopes among the women, with Madeleine Campbell (née Scarborough), the World Cup butterfly champion, hoping to reinforce that title.

After a disastrous Commonwealth Games and a national championship marked by lack of depth and quality, it is time to go back to the drawing board for the Scots, who will have no direct connection with Perth.

The average age of the team is 22, reflecting the maturing of the sport. Joanne Deakins, aged 17, is the youngest, and Lorraine Coombes, aged 30, the oldest.

Bob Pay, the head coach, is optimistic that taking only the very best will breed success. "This will be my first trip as head coach and I couldn't want for a better squad. We've gone for quality and I'm sure that's the right decision," Pay said.

BRITISH TEAM: Men: N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), M Harris (Barnet Copthall), R Leishman (Kelly College), A Moorhouse (City of Leeds), J Parrack (City of Leeds), A Sherman (Bristol Central), I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland). Women: M Campbell (Portsmouth Northsea), L Coombes (City of Southampton), J Deakins (Gloucester City), Z Long (Beckenham), K Meller (City of Sheffield), S Page (Mercury Wigan Waves), K Pickering (Ipswich), H Slatter (Warrington Warriors).

HOCKEY

Yorkshire qualify in second

LANCASHIRE proved that they will be the team to beat at the NatWest county women's trophy finals next month as they cruised to the north regional title on Sunday (Alix Ramsay writes).

Lying in second place, three points behind Yorkshire, they raised their game a couple of notches to trounce the league leaders 4-0 before going on to victories against Northumberland and Durham.

Yorkshire lost to Cheshire 2-1 and ended up second best. However, as Lancashire qualified as defending national champions, Yorkshire go through as regional runners-up.

It all came down to a battle between Suffolk and Essex on Sunday, but as they drew 0-0 it was back to the abacus to find the champion. Equal on points and goal difference, Suffolk finally emerged winners.

In the south, the title was decided on the final match as Berkshire and Middlesex vied for pole position. Berkshire had to beat Oxfordshire by six goals win the division. After a goalless first half they came out and fired in seven goals.

In the Midlands, Staffordshire, as expected, retained their title with easy wins over Bedfordshire and Worcestershire.

Meanwhile Humberside have achieved an ambition by scoring a goal, winning a point, and drawing with Lancashire Central League.

FINALISTS: Lancashire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Berkshire, Yorkshire and Devon.

TENNIS

Fickle Agassi a fast learner

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, FRANKFURT

THE next time the new ATP Tour champion, Andre Agassi, measures himself against the best players in the world, it is possible it will be at Wimbledon in June.

Agassi has changed his mind about playing in the Australian Open in January, preferring to continue his body-building exercises back in Las Vegas, and the grand slam committee could prevent him from competing in the French Open, where he reached the final this year, because of his late and so far unexplained defection from the Grand Slam Cup in Munich next month. So Wimbledon it may be.

Even with his new muscularity, the 125mph serve and the crisp volley he unveiled in last week's ATP championships, Agassi cannot be considered a potential Wimbledon champion just yet; first because he is still not certain to play — "I'm as fickle as you guys sometimes," he said when asked by a colleague why he had changed his mind about the Australian Open — and second, because he has played only one match on grass in his life, when he was beaten by Henri Leconte in the first round of Wimbledon three years ago.

But, in overpowering Stefan Edberg and Boris Becker, the Wimbledon finalists for the last three years, in the space of just over a day on a fast court made for them, Agassi has answered several questions about his temperament for the big occasion and opened up one or two fascinating possibilities, not the least of which is that a £1 bet I made at odds of 50 to one that Agassi would win Wimbledon before the end of his career might yet yield a dividend.

It is certainly looking a slightly sounder investment than it did when he was steamrollered by Pete Sampras in the final of the US Open ten weeks ago. That day the limitations of Agassi's baseline game were exposed by a serve-and-volleyer at the top of his form. But the lesson was not lost on Agassi or his fast-talking coach, Nick Bollettieri, who has often been accused of producing one-dimensional players. In fact, it confirmed what they were already working on. "I have focused my whole year on increasing my body weight, so I did a lot of work with weights and on the track," Agassi said after his 5-7, 7-6, 7-5, 6-2 victory over Edberg.

The results of those labours were startling. Agassi served 37 aces in his five matches — four wins and one defeat (to Edberg in a group match) — last week and matched Becker for pace. In the final he consistently produced good first serves. Not long ago, Agassi would not have been able to recover from the loss of the first set to win the next three, including a tie-break, against a player of Edberg's quality and experience.

Agassi's victory should be treated with some caution. While Becker and Edberg were weary after their exertions of the previous six weeks, Agassi was as fresh — and as colourful — as a daisy. He has been fined by the ATP for not playing his full number of tournaments this year, but he does not seem to need much practice to be competitive.

LEADING ATP RANKINGS: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,889pts; 2, B Becker (Ger), 3,828; 3, I Lendl (Cz), 2,561; 4, A Agassi (US), 2,398; 5, P Sampras (US), 1,869; 6, A Gómez (Ec), 1,680; 7, T Muster (Austria), 1,654; 8, E Sánchez (Sp), 1,578; 9, G Ivanisevic (Yug), 1,514; 10, B Gilbert (US), 1,461.

Seles after equality

NEW YORK — Monica Seles, who has risen to world No. 2 at the age of 16, considers that the entertainment, skill and greater commitment now evident in the women's game, should be reflected in equal prize-money (Barry Wood writes).

With record crowds attending the Virginia Slims championships at Madison Square Garden, she believes there is a growing awareness that the women's game can no longer be considered a poor relation.

"Women's tennis is at the top now." Seles said after beating Gabriela Sabatini, 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2, to win one of the year's most coveted titles.

LEADING FINAL WITA STANDINGS: 1, S Graf (Ger); 2, M Seles (Yug); 3, M Navratilova (US); 4, G Sabatini (Arg); 5, M Fernandez (US); 6, Z Garrison (US); 7, K Maleeva (Bul); 8, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 9, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz); 10, J Novotna (Cz); 11, H Sukova (Cz); 12, N Zvereva (USSR); 13, C Martinez (Sp); 14, N Tauziat (Fr); 15, H Sukova (Cz); 16, J Wiesner (Austria); 17, B Paulus (Austria); 18, A Frazier (US); 19, L Meskhi (USSR); 20, R Fairbank-Nideffer (US).

SNOOKER

Parrott could steal the show

By STEVE ACTESON

JOHN Parrott would have been forgiven for asking "remember me?" after moving imperiously into a 7-1 lead over Mark Rowing and within two frames of a place in the last 32 of the Stormseal United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday.

Parrott is the world No. 3 but has been a largely anonymous figure this season with the attention being focused on the all-conquering world champion Steve Hendry and Steve Davis.

Parrott gave a timely reminder of his powers as he compiled supreme breaks of 37, 75, 119, 86, 102, and finally a 75 clearance. He was also the last player to beat Hendry in a ranking event last March.

Three of the top 16 seeds have already fallen. Tony Meo, Martin Clark, and John Virgo. Dennis Taylor and Dean Reynolds were struggling last night to avoid the same indignity. Taylor had to recover from 4-2 down to stand 4-4 against Alan McManus and Reynolds surrendered a 2-0 lead to trail John Birch by 5-3.

Barry Hearn, the promoter of the £1 million Sky World Masters, admitted last night that he was "very concerned" about the future of the event following a declaration by 16 players that they will withdraw if the suspended Alex Higgins is allowed to play.

RESULTS: Third round: W King (Aus) leads J Johnson (Eng), 5-3; J Birch (Eng) leads D Reynolds (Eng), 5-3; M Price (Eng) leads S Francisco (SA), 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) leads M Rowing (Eng), 7-1; T Griffiths (Wales) leads J Grech (Malta), 6-2; D Taylor (N Ire) and A McManus (Scot) level at 4-4. Sunday's late results: S Davis (Eng) bt Dvd Taylor (Eng), 9-1; J Wattana (Thai) bt J Virgo (Eng), 9-2; C Wilson (Wales) bt R Lawler (Eng), 9-3; D Roe (Eng) bt A Meo (Eng), 9-5; B West (Eng) bt R Edmonds (Eng), 9-5; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt J Campbell (Aus), 9-5; P Francisco (SA) bt D Campbell (Scot), 9-5.

TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: Fourth round (best of 17 frames, sessions at 2pm and 7pm): S Hendry (Scot) v A Chappel (Wales); G Roe (Eng) v D Fowler (Eng); D Mountjoy (Wales) v G Wilkinson (Eng); J White (Eng) v P Francisco (SA); S James (Eng) v A Knowles (Eng); M Hallett (Eng) v A Jones (Eng); N Bond (Eng) v A Robidoux (Can); W Thorne (Eng) v C Roscoe (Wales).

ICE HOCKEY

Wasps and Racers in cup repeat

By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

Durham Wasps and Murrayfield Racers will stage a repeat of last year's Norwich Union Cup final at Whitley Bay on Saturday, December 15 (face-off 2pm). The Wasps took a four-goal lead into the second leg of their semi-final in Cardiff on Saturday and had increased it by three in the first 10 minutes, which effectively settled the tie.

While Durham did as much as they had to for the rest of the evening, the Devils forgot the passing game which has brought them much success and too many individual rushes foundered on a well-organised Durham defence.

Similarly efficient teamwork enabled Romford Raiders to spring the surprise of the season so far in the first division of the Heineken League. On Saturday they became the first team to beat Bracknell Bees. The Bees bounced back on Sunday by inflicting on Humberside Seahawks their first league defeat of the season.

In an exciting game, played before a capacity crowd in Bracknell, the lead changed hands three times before the home side went from 3-4 to 7-4 either side of the second interval. With their defence well marshalled by Coté, the Bees withstood late Humberside pressure and physical intimidation.

The Seahawks did not lose with good grace and their captain, Paul Simpson, earned himself a gross misconduct penalty after the final buzzer for remarks made to the referee.

In the premier division, Ayr Raiders continued to head the table, in spite of their continuing financial worries.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Ayr Raiders 10, Solihull Barons 7; Cleveland Bombers 3, Murrayfield Racers 5; Fife Flyers 9, Nottingham Panthers 2; Durham Wasps 4, Nottingham Panthers 4; Murrayfield Racers 10, Ayr Raiders 7; Peterborough Pilots 12, Cleveland Bombers 4; Whitley Warriors 15, Solihull Barons 5. First division: Basingstoke Beavers 7, Humberside Seahawks 12; Romford Raiders 8, Bracknell Bees 6; Slough Jets 12, Telford Tigers 6; Swindon Wildcats 25, Glasgow Saints 8; Bracknell Bees 7, Humberside Seahawks 5; Lee Valley Lions 6, Romford Raiders 9; Medway Bears 6, Telford Tigers 8; Trafford Metros 10, Glasgow Saints 4. Norwich Union Cup, semi-final, second leg: Cardiff Devils 3, Durham Wasps 6 (Durham win 15-5 on agg).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
First-round replays
Doncaster v Chester
Peterborough v Hereford
Scunthorpe v Rochdale

Zenith Data Systems Cup
First round
Middlesbrough v Hull (7.35)
Notts County v Port Vale (7.45)
Plymouth v Brighton (7.45)
Watford v Bristol Rovers (7.45)

Second round
Southampton v QPR

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Fisher
Stafford v Cheltenham

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division
Dunfermline v Rangers

First division
Ayr v Hamilton
Dundee v Morton

Bryan Robson Testimonial
Manchester Utd v Celtic (at Old Trafford, 8.0)

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Everton v Sheffield Wednesday (7.0); Manchester City v Liverpool (6.45); Rotherham v Coventry (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Bradford (7.15); Grimsby v Bolton (7.0); Preston v Barnsley (7.0); Wigan v Stoke (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Arsenal (7.0); QPR v Luton (2.0); Wimbledon v Portsmouth.

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Portadown v Glenavon (at Windsor Park, 7.45).

LARCHMAGE WINDOWS CUP: First round, second leg: Bilston (1) v Bromsgrove (1); Dover v Canterbury. Second round, first leg: Buckingham v Corinthian; Tamworth v Badworth. Second round, second leg: Burton (4) v Bridgnorth Town (1); Newport IOW v Waterlooville.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop's Stortford v Harrow; Windsor and Eton v Basingstoke; Wokingham v Staines. First division: Dorking v Lewes; Dulwich Hamlet v Chesham (7.45); Hitchin v Molesey; Tooting and Mitcham v Boreham Wood (7.45); Walton and Hersham v Croydon; Yeading v Wembley. Second division north: Berkhamsted v Royston; Finchley v Edgware; Hertford v Ware; Vauxhall Motors v Basildon Utd (7.45). Second division south: Abingdon Town v Hungerford; Chertsey v Bracknell; Harefield v Eastbourne Utd (7.45).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Eastwood Town v Bishop Auckland; Witton v Shepshed. Presidents Cup: Bangor v South Liverpool. Premier division: Marine v Hyde; Matlock v Leek; Southport v Fleetwood. First division: Harrogate v Accrington Stanley; Netherfield v Irlam.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Stourbridge v RC Warwick.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Floodlight Trophy: Bootle v Knowsley Utd.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Westbury v Frome; Paulton v Calne.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Clacton v Braintree; Gorleston v Wroxham; Newmarket v Haverhill.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Presidents Cup: Second round, second leg: Denaby v Brigg; Ossett Town v Harogate RW.

WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Sutton Utd v Brentford; Slough v Leyton Orient.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Somerset v Soviet Union (at Bath, 7.15).

CLUB MATCHES: Ebbw Vale v Gamdiffaith (7.0); Newbridge v UC Cardiff (7.15); Roundhay v Halifax (7.0).

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Typhoo women's league: Sutton Coldfield v Leicester (at Cannock, 7.15).

SNOOKER: StormSeal UK championships (at Guildhall, Preston, 2.0 and 7.0).

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Eurosport 16.30-17.30: College match. Screensport 18.00-20.00: College match: Miami v Boston. BSB 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30: National Football League.

AMERICAN SPORT: BSB 17.00-18.00.

BOXING: Screensport 07.00-08.30 and 15.30-17.00: Professional events. Eurosport 11.00-12.00.

CYCLING: Eurosport 15.30-16.30 and 20.00-21.00: The FICP final from France, and the world indoor championships from Austria.

EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18.30-19.00 and 23.00-23.30.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 09.30-11.00: Argentina league. BSB 14.00-17.00: Italian and Scottish leagues. Eurosport 16.00-18.30: Spanish league.

GOLF: Screensport 11.00-13.00: The Club Masters from Japan.

ICE SKATING: Eurosport 23.30-00.30: Skate Canada.

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 10.00-11.00.

JET SKIING: Eurosport 09.30-10.00: World Tour racing.

MOTORCYCLING: BSB 18.30-19.30: Motocross.

MOTOR SPORT: 13.00-14.00, 17.00-18.00 and 23.00-midnight: Rallying from the Ivory Coast and dragster racing from Texas.

MULTI SPORTS: Eurosport 12.30-13.30: The World Games.

POWERBOAT RACING: Eurosport 19.00-20.00: Offshore event.

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SPORTS DESK: BSB 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.00 and midnight.

SURFING: Eurosport 17.30-18.00.

TENNIS: Eurosport 13.30-15.30: The Kremlin Cup from Moscow.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: World championships.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir goes from Lamb's to a slaughter

JAHANGIR Khan will lead Levitt Lamb's against Mossie Priory in the Pimms Premier League when he returns to London today from Karachi, but is to be is likely to face a more significant confrontation with the International Squash Players Association (ISPA). The ISPA is seeking to fine Jahangir £500 and zero-rate him for three tournaments from which he withdrew after breaking down in Canada last month.

Jahangir is threatening to lodge a complaint against Chris Dittmar, the president of ISPA, for allegedly maligning Pakistan in press comments about removing the Pakistan Open from the official circuit. The claim is denied by Roger Eady, the ISPA executive director, who wants Jahangir to provide medical justification for playing national league matches after withdrawing from the World Open championship.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday November 24 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
1 Liverpool v Man City
1 Luton v A Villa
2 QPR v Arsenal
1 Sheff Utd v Sunderland
2 South'pton v C Palace
X Tottenham v Norwich
X Wimbledon v Everton

Not on coupons: Coventry v Leeds; Derby v Nottingham Forest; Manchester United v Chelsea (Sunday)

SECOND DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Wolves
1 Brighton v Millwall
1 Charlton v Portsmouth
2 Ipswich v Bristol C
1 Newcastle v Watford
X Notts Co v Swindon
2 Oxford v Middlesbrough
X Plymouth v West Ham
1 West Brom v Sheff Wed

Not on coupons: Blackburn v Port Vale (Friday); Bristol Rovers v Oldham; Hull v Leicester (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION
1 Birmingham v Bour'm'th
2 Bury v Stoke
1 Camb'ge v Shrewsbury
1 Crewe v Bradford C
X Exeter v Brentford
1 Fulham v Tranmere
1 Grimsby v Bolton
2 Preston v Hudd'field
2 Reading v Southend
X Rotherham v Mansfield
1 Swansea v Chester
1 Wigan v Leyton O

FOURTH DIVISION
X Aldershot v Maidstone
1 Burnley v Halifax
2 Doncaster v Blackpool
1 Gillingham v Cardiff
1 Hartlepool v Scarboro
1 Hereford v Peterboro
2 Lincoln v Darlington
1 Rochdale v Carlisle
X Wrexham v Scunthorpe
2 York v Nornt'pton

Not on coupons: Chesterfield v Walsall; Torquay v Stockport (Friday)

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
1 Barrow v Yeovil

1 Boston v Stafford
X Cheltenham v Telford
1 Colchester v Wycombe

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Dundee U v Aberdeen
2 Dunf'mline v St Johnstn
1 Hearts v Hibernian
X Motherwell v St Mirren

Not on coupons: Celtic v Rangers (Sunday)

SCOTTISH FIRST
X Airdrie v Dundee
2 Ayr v Falkirk
X Brechin v Morton
1 Clyde v Hamilton
1 Forfar v Clydebank
1 Meadowb'k v Partick
X Raith v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH SECOND
1 Albion v East Fife
X Cowdenb'th v Dumb'rtn
2 E Stirling v Queen'n Pk
1 Montrose v Berwick
X Q of South v Alloa

Not on coupons: Stenhousemuir v Stranraer; Stirling v Arbroath

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Wimbledon, Notts County, Plymouth, Exeter, Rotherham, Aldershot, Wrexham, Cheltenham, Motherwell, Airdrie, Raith, Cowdenbeath.

BEST DRAWS: Wimbledon, Notts County, Aldershot, Wrexham, Airdrie.

AWAYS: Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Middlesbrough, Huddersfield, Falkirk.

HOMES: Liverpool, Sheffield United, Cambridge, Swansea, Wigan, Gillingham, Rochdale, Barrow, Colchester, Hearts, Forfar, Albion.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Liverpool, Swansea, Gillingham, Colchester, Forfar. Aways: Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Falkirk. Draws: Wimbledon, Wrexham, Airdrie.

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Tyrone Bridge taken to make successful debut over hurdles

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

FOR sheer class today there is nothing to touch Tyrone Bridge, who will make his eagerly-awaited debut under National Hunt rules in the grade two Reynoldstown Cup at Wolverhampton.

Bought in Ireland last year by Paul Green just before he finished second in the Irish St Leger, Tyrone Bridge did not, in the end, run over hurdles last season.

Instead he was kept in reserve for another campaign on the Flat which saw him finish second in the Ascot Gold Cup. More recently, he again acquitted himself well when placed for the second time in Ireland's final classic.

With Peter Scudamore on the sidelines, Martin Pipe has turned to Richard Dunwoody to guide Tyrone Bridge through his first public test over hurdles.

I am led to believe that Tyrone Bridge, who is a gelding, has jumped well in practice, in which case he has the ability to beat Lacienaga, the impressive winner of similar events at Cheltenham and Kempton already this autumn.

Later in the programme, Catch The Cross (3.30) should be another winner for Pipe judged on the way he scored at Cheltenham 11 days ago, while Excelsis can start the day off well for Dunwoody by capturing the Advent Four-Year Old Novices' Claiming Hurdle.

Trained at Royston by John Jenkins, Excelsis would not have to have improved much on his promising sixth behind Salamander Joe at Stratford to win this modest contest, especially as Fair Prospect has been such a disappointment.

Yesterday, Owen Brennan had the choice of running his useful 12-year-old Vulrory's Clown in either the Charter Hardware Handicap Chase or in the Ruffort Handicap Chase at Wetherby. I believe that he has chosen correctly in opting for the Wolverhampton race, even though Master Rajh, who did nothing but improve last season, opposes him.

The race on the Yorkshire track would have been a much sterner test since Greenheart, Gold Options, Masnoon, Tresidder and *Mister Point* have all stood their ground.

Well that Greenheart should go at his best, preference is for Mister Point who trounced the in-form Tactico over today's course and distance at the beginning of this month.

By picking up the winning trail again at Ayr only last Saturday when he accounted for General Chandos, Tactico has given Mister Point's cause a timely boost.

For Graham McCourt, Mister Point could easily be a second winner trained by Nigel Tinkler, the first being Norquay in the Sheffield Selling Hurdle.

McCourt will also partner Midland Express when he endeavours to beat What About Me again in the Knaresborough Novices' Chase, which has sadly developed into a match.

The last time they met at Newcastle, there was precious little between them going into the last fence which proved the ultimate undoing of Midland Express, who also fell on his seasonal debut. What About Me is preferred as he looks the safer jumper, a factor to be considered at Wetherby of all places.

Dawson City, who was runner-up to Native Mission on his jumping debut, can go one better in the Tadcaster Novices' Hurdle while Newholme Farm, from Jimmy Fitzgerald's successful stable, is napped to do likewise in the Halifax Novices' Handicap Hurdle following that heartening race at Hexham where he was beaten only a length by Camden Night.

On the all-weather surface at Southwell, I like nothing better than the William Haggas-trained Pims Classic (2.0) who was caught on the line by Catundra on his last visit to the course. He has an ideal draw now and the ability to take advantage of it.

Festival target for Remittance Man after smooth debut

REMITTANCE Man made an impressive debut over fences in the Douglas Concrete Novices' Chase at Leicester yesterday and Nicky Henderson has already mapped out a Cheltenham festival target of either the Arkle or Sun Alliance Chase for him.

After the six-year-old led over the last two fences to beat Teniente by an easy 12 lengths, leaving Richard Dunwoody only ten behind the grounded Peter Scudamore, Henderson said: "Remittance Man is certainly a Cheltenham horse. He has always done this job of jumping fences terribly well.

"I thought Leicester was a nice place to come for a bit of education. He will now try better company over two miles to see if he has got the speed for the Arkle."

Lumberjack, a disappointment last season, picked up the winning thread when gamely worrying front-running Bitter Buck out of first place by a head in the Thorpe Satchville Hurdle. There is still a cloud over the winner, however.

Jimmy Fitzgerald said: "He kept choking and pulling himself up last season, and that's what happened in the Scottish Champion Hurdle. He had a virus on him then and Mark [Dwyer] says he choked again today."

At Windsor, Granvillewaterford, making his jumping debut, landed a gamble from 5-1 to 3-1 in the River Thames Novices' Hurdle.

Harvey: out for three weeks after Windsor fall

Simon Sherwood, the winning trainer, only came out of hospital at the weekend following a double hernia operation, and had to be content to listening in to the victory on the telephone.

Luke Harvey's good recent run came to a painful halt when Pharamineux, the 9-4 favourite, fell four flights out. Harvey dislocated his right elbow and is likely to be out of action for three weeks.

The stewards took a dim view of the running and riding of Present Times, who finished eighth. Charlie Moore, the Brighton trainer, and his son Gary, who rode the 33-1 chance, were each fined £150 under the rule covering "schooling in public".

Aliysa verdict expected

A VERDICT is expected in the long-running Aliysa case today, 529 days after the filly, owned by the Aga Khan and trained by Michael Stoute, won the 1989 Gold Seal Oaks at Epsom.

The second day of the latest and probable final session of the enquiry was adjourned after just over three hours in London yesterday.

The Jockey Club's disciplinary committee had intended to break mid-afternoon for one of the participants to attend another engagement but the hearing broke up shortly before 1pm.

Cahervillahow out to end 10-year wait for the Irish

By PHIL McLENNAN

CAHERVILLAHOW will attempt to give the Irish their first Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup victory since Bright Highway ten years ago when he contests the £50,000-added handicap chase at Newbury on Saturday.

Arkle, successful in 1964 and 1965, is the only other Irish-trained winner

Mouse Morris, who trains Cahervillahow at Fethard in Co Tipperary, yesterday confirmed the Deep Run six-year-old's well-being and his definite participation.

"He was moving well when he fell six out at Punchestown the other day and will be much sharper now," Morris said. "We're hopeful he'll make the first four."

Cahervillahow, a best-priced 14-1 chance, travels over with his stable companion, Trapper John, who will contest the inaugural running of the grade two Newbury Long Distance Hurdle the same afternoon. Charlie Swan rides both.

At yesterday's five-day acceptance stage, 21 were declared in the Hennessy with the weights rising 1lb following the defection of Nick The Brief and Bonanza Boy. They will rise a further 4lb at the overnight stage if Yahoo, a doubtful participant, is not declared.

If the weights go up again on Friday, Mr Frisk, third in the Hennessy for the last two seasons, will be asked to carry 12st 1lb including his 5lb penalty.

Despite the Grand National winner's formidable task, William Hill yesterday shortened his odds a point to 6-1.

The other market leaders tightened to an even greater degree with Arctic Call now 4-1 (from 5-1), Von Csadek 9-2 (from 7-1) and Sam Da Vinci 6-1 (from 9-1).

Defending the firm's decision to cut the odds of all the principals, Don Payne, of Hills, said: "Although there are still 21 left in, the race could cut up like the H & T Walker at Ascot last week because of the ground. So far we've only really laid three horses — Arctic Call, Von Csadek and Sam Da Vinci. People only want to know the ones that are definitely running."

Ladbrokes, having offered 5-1 the field in early afternoon, later followed Hills' leads by cutting each of the front four. Von Csadek and Arctic Call are now their 9-2 joint-favourites. Corals have the same pair as 11-2 joint-favourites and offer 7-1 bar.

Celtic Shot is almost certain to miss the race and run instead tomorrow at Haydock Park where Graham McCourt has been booked to ride the former champion hurdler in the Edward Hanmer Chase. Charlie Brooks is now likely to be represented in the Hennessy by Espy, provided blood tests to be taken today prove satisfactory.

The going at Newbury is good on the hurdles course but good to firm on the chase course. "There is a good covering of grass," Richard Osgood, the course manager, said yesterday. "Rain is forecast in midweek but we haven't had any yet."

NEWBURY ACCEPTORS

Advance going: good to firm

1.50 HENNESSY COGNAC GOLD CUP (Handicap chase: grade III: £50,000: 3m 2f 82yd) (21 five-day acceptors)

5411-11 MR FRISK (D) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 11-11-11 (5ex) — —
P3320P- YAHOO (C) (A Parker) J Edwards 9-11-10 — —
12F61-1 CELTIC SHOT (D Horton) C Brooks 8-11-10 (5ex) — —
13131-2 MAN O'MAGIC (CD) (J Gregg) K Bailey 9-11-0 — —
/251FP- ENVOPAK TOKEN (F Arthur) J Gifford 9-10-13 — —
11F13-U CAHERVILLAHOW (Mrs M Valentine) M Morris (Ire) 6-10-13 — —
2122-14 DURHAM EDITION (R Oxley) W Stephenson 12-10-12 — —
2220-32 SEAGRAM (C,D) (E Parker) D Barons 10-10-11 — —
F2F12-1 ARCTIC CALL (C) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 9-10-9 — —
11F3-12 ESPY (C) (R E A Bott Ltd) C Brooks 7-10-9 — —
2P13-43 FOUR TRIX (Mrs S Catherwood) G Richards 9-10-8 — —
/22F13- CHATAN (C) (B Nolan) M Pipe 8-10-8 — —
UP235-1 SAM DA VINCI (Mrs J Wilson) D Nicholson 11-10-5 (5ex) — —
1/232/U HANDY TRICK (D) (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-10-3 — —
/13/F0P- NICK'S STAR (D) (P Scammell) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-1 — —
11U1-11 VON CSADEK (D) (S Worrall Stables) Miss H Knight 8-10-1 — —
411PP-5 CITY ENTERTAINER (C) (J Wright) Miss H Knight 9-10-1 — —
U30P/14 ACE OF SPIES (C) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs G Jones 9-9-9 — —
U11U-13 NEW HALEN (Mrs S Sweet) A James 9-9-8 — —
/23P13- MASTER BOB (C,D) (I Wills) N Henderson 10-9-7 — —
1F1-424 WIGTOWN BAY (Provan Hatch Bloodstock Ltd) J Mackie 7-9-5 — —

BETTING: Ladbrokes: 9-2 Arctic Call, Von Csadek, 5-1 Sam Da Vinci, 6-1 Mr Frisk, 10-1 Four Trix, 11-1 Envopak Token, 12-1 Cahervillahow, Durham Edition, Seagram, 14-1 Espy, 16-1 Man O'Magic, 20-1 New Halen, 33-1 Wigtown Bay, 40-1 others.

1989: GHOFAR 6-10-2 H Davies (5-1) D Elsworth 8 ran

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Excelsis.
1.30 Bradwall.
2.00 Vulrory's Clown.
2.30 Elite Boy.
3.00 Tyrone Bridge.
3.30 Catch The Cross.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 Tyrone Bridge.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.30 ELITE BOY.

Going: good to firm (chase); good, good to soft places (hurdles)

1.0 ADVENT FOUR YEAR OLD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,730: 2m) (17 runners)

1 4 ARTHURS STONE 13 (O Brennan) O Brennan 11-4 M Brennan 82
2 6 EXCELSIS 19 (C Delaney) J Jenkins 11-4 R Dunwoody 72
3 2224-55 FAIR PROSPECT 17 (BF) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) Miss H Knight 11-4 J Osborne ● 99
4 3/ FOLLOW THE SEA 28F (Whitcombe Manor Racing Stables Ltd) R Akehurst 11-2 —
5 0P-5 SPARKLER GEBE 15 (B) (Sparkler Fillers Ltd) P Bailey 11-0 M Richards 85
6 BUCKLAND HAZE 200F (J Doran) P Cowley 10-13 I Shoemark (3) —
7 0 ZALINA 19 (Mrs M Powis) C Jackson 10-13 J Bryan —
8 0453-P0 RICHARDS PET 6 (Miss G Doller) Miss G Doller 10-12 83
9 P-00 LONELLA 12 (J Davis) J Baker 10-10 S Burrough (7) —
10 0P-P KISSING THE PINK 8 (P Morris) C Broad 10-9 P McDermott —
11 NDITA 18F (P Lord) M Tompkins 10-7 S Smith Eccles —
12 0 SAFARI KEEPER 68 (Mrs T Lawther) M Wilkinson 10-6 M Lynch —
13 2-F CASSATINA 168 (Mrs M Taylor) J Pearce 10-5 J McLaughlin 81
14 0423 DOUBLE HANDFULL 12 (BF) (R Andrews) J Roberts 10-3 P Dever 82
15 6 RUBINKA 17F (J Doxey) R Hollinshead 10-3 B Powell —
16 6 LUCKY CRYSTAL 28 (Mrs K Duggan) Mrs J Pitman 10-1 M Bowlby —
17 P MISS DELILAH 6 (V) (Mrs E Davies) P Evans 10-1 T Wall —

BETTING: 9-4 Fair Prospect, 11-4 Double Handfull, 4-1 Lucky Crystal, 6-1 Follow The Sea, 10-1 Excelsis, 12-1 Rubinka, 14-1 Ndita, 20-1 others.

1989: OLD DUTCH HOLBORN 10-5 R Dunwoody (9-1) Miss S Wilton 15 ran

FORM FOCUS ARTHURS STONE 17½l 4th to Arpal Breeze at Kelso (2m, good). EXCELSIS faded when 28l 6th behind Salamander Joe at Stratford (2m, good), with ZALINA (same terms) 9th. FAIR PROSPECT 20l 5th to Belstone Fox at Worcester (2m 2f, good). FOLLOW THE SEA fair 4l 5th to Alyenabi on Flat at Folkestone (1m 2f, good to firm). CASSATINA beaten when fell at last behind Northumbrian King at Market Rasen (2m, firm). Previously fair 4l 2nd to Ajalta in seller at same course (2m, good to firm). DOUBLE HANDFULL hit last and soon beaten 4l 3rd to March Above in seller at Uttoxeter (2m, good). RUBINKA never dangerous 31l 8th behind Bounden Duty at Towcester (2m, firm). LUCKY CRYSTAL soon behind when 6th behind Pant Llin at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). NDITA soon beaten when 9l 3rd to Shikari Kid in seller on Flat at Ayr (1m 3f, heavy). No selection.

1.30 BOURTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,558: 3m 1f) (5 runners)

1 043F6-2 BRADWALL 12 (S) (G Barlow) G Barlow 6-10-12 S J O'Neill ● 99
2 F/PPU-PF KOFFI 12 (S) (GER) (F Yardley) F Yardley 8-10-12 — —
3 P35-PP4 PHALIES FOLLY 15 (Ardan Racing Club) M Barraclough 8-10-12 S McNeill —
4 8/10/4-4 TIGHT TURN 38 (F,G,S) (R Frost) R Frost 11-10-12 J Frost 93
5 0-58UP3 PATCHOULI'S PET 15 (F) (G Parker) F Yardley 7-10-7 R Dunwoody 95

BETTING: 7-4 Tight Turn, 5-2 Bradwall, 7-2 Patchouli's Pet, 6-1 Phalies Folly, 12-1 Koffi.

1989: ROLLING DICE 6-10-7 L Harvey (5-1) Mrs I McKie 9 ran

FORM FOCUS BRADWALL well-backed 2l 2nd to Market Forces at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, good), with KOFFI (same terms) behind when fell at 11th. Previously 33l 6th to Shady Road at Ludlow (2m 4f, good to soft), with PHALIES FOLLY (same terms) pulled up. TIGHT TURN never dangerous 32l 4th to Geostar at Southwell (2m, good to firm). PATCHOULI'S PET showed improved form when 1½l 3rd to Heights of Fun here (3m 1f, firm) latest start, with PHALIES FOLLY (same terms) 30l 4th. Selection: BRADWALL

2.0 CHARTER HARDWARE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,376: 2m) (5 runners)

1 12121-2 VULRORY'S CLOWN 11 (D,F,G,S) (T Bayley) O Brennan 12-12-0 M Brennan 95
2 8/21111- MASTER RAJH 213 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 8-11-4 M Lynch 93
3 230/12-P WINTER MEASURE 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (N Jones) Mrs G Jones 10-10-0 R Beggan 93
4 332252 COURT RAPIER 14 (D,F,G) (H Parry) Mrs H Parrott 8-10-0 S McNeill 97
5 35/365-2 FARE LOVE 17 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Evans) Mrs S Johnson 11-10-0 A Jackes (5) ● 99

BETTING: 15-8 Vulrory's Clown, 2-1 Fare Love, 4-1 Master Rajh, 7-1 Court Rapier, 10-1 Winter Measure.

1989: THAR-AN-BHAAR 7-10-12 R Supple (2-1 fav) J Upson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS VULRORY'S CLOWN encouraging 4l 2nd to Geostar at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good to firm). Previously made all to beat With Gods Help ½l at same course (2m, good) in May. MASTER RAJH got up in closing stages to beat Boutzdaroff a short-head at Bangor (2m, good) in April. Previously beat Woodland Retreat 2l over course and distance (good to firm). WINTER MEASURE beat Market Leader 1½l at Worcester (2m, good to firm) last year, with FARE LOVE (3lb worse off) 5l 3rd. Pulled up before 9th at Worcester (2m, good) last week. COURT RAPIER staying-on 3l 2nd to Banbridge at Hereford (2m, good) latest start. FARE LOVE running-on ¾l 2nd to For The Grain at Worcester (2m, good) recently. Selection: VULRORY'S CLOWN

● Beech Road heads the eight five-day acceptors for Saturday's Bellway Homes Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle but the 1989 champion hurdler may wait for the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham two weeks later.

The other entries are: Cashmere N' Caviar, Deep Sensation, Jubail, Kharif, Royal Derbi, Stone Flake and Young Benz. There are nine five-day acceptors for the two big hurdle races at Newbury.

GERRY FEILDEN HURDLE (2m 100yd): Atlaal, Black Humour, Floway, Major Inquiry, Midfielder, Rouyan, Stone Flake, Sybillin, Truism. NEWBURY LONG DISTANCE HURDLE (3m 120yd): Battalion, Brabazon, Bradbury Star, Ikdam, Picador, Run For Free, Ryde Again, Sproxton Boy, Trapper John.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.30 BROCKTON INTERMEDIATE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,670: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 211322- ELITE BOY 241 (CD,F) (Mrs C Black) M Oliver 8-11-10 J Railton ● 99
2 6314-66 MISTS OF TIME 5 (F,G) (J Noden) C Vernon Miller 7-11-2 S J O'Neill 87
3 5P61-51 MAJOR EFFORT 5 (F,G) (Mrs F Harvey) G Balding 5-10-13 (6ex) J Frost 90
4 3322-46 ROY PRINCE 14 (F) (H Insley) W Clay 7-10-7 R Bevan (5) 83
5 004600- JUST NICK 249 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-10-0 B Dowling 86

BETTING: 11-8 Elite Boy, 13-8 Major Effort, 5-1 Mists Of Time, 9-1 Roy Prince, 20-1 Just Nick.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS ELITE BOY, successful over course and distance (firm) last term, 8l 2nd to Sword Beach at Newbury (2m 4f, firm) in March. Previously 5l 2nd to Splendidfellow over course and distance (good to firm), with MISTS OF TIME (4lb worse off) 15l 3rd and JUST NICK tailed-off 7th. MISTS OF TIME 53l 12th of 18 to Star Season in a handicap hurdle at Worcester (2m 2f, good) last time out. MAJOR EFFORT beat Brave Setanta 2l at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good to firm) in April. Pushed out to beat Royal Cracker 2½l at Towcester (2m 50yd, good) latest. Improving and can follow up. ROY PRINCE last of 6 to Rare Bid at Nottingham (3m, firm). Selection: MAJOR EFFORT

3.0 REYNOLDSTOWN CUP NOVICES HURDLE (Grade 2: £6,784: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 1/422-11 LA CIENAGA 19 (D,F) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-11-4 J Frost ● 99
2 65- CAZAUDEHORE 241 (G Johnson) M Robinson 5-11-0 J White —
3 CHEERFUL TIMES 26F (M Sturgess) B McMahon 7-11-0 T Wall —
4 CLASSIC STATEMENT 26F (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 M Pitman —
5 TYRONE BRIDGE 59F (P Green) M Pipe 4-11-0 R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 6-4 La Cienaga, 7-4 Tyrone Bridge, 7-2 Classic Statement, 10-1 Cazaudehore, 33-1 Cheerful Times.

1989: TAJROBA 4-11-2 R Dunwoody (100-30) J Jenkins 6 ran

FORM FOCUS LA CIENAGA easily beat Secret Four 25l at Kempton (2m 4f, good to firm). Previously beat Algaihabane 30l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm). A very useful novice who will prove difficult to beat. CAZAUDEHORE 10¼l 5th to Norman Conqueror in a National Hunt flat race at Newbury (2m 100yd, firm). CHEERFUL TIMES, modest handicapper on level, 4¾l 5th to Great Service at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). CLASSIC STATEMENT staying handicapper on level, 7¾l 5th to Northwold Star at Pontefract (2m 2f, good to firm) last time out. TYRONE BRIDGE was 2nd in group I Irish St Leger in 1989 and finished a staying-on 4l 4th to Ibn Bey in this year's running (1m 6f, yielding), and was 4l 2nd to Ashal in group I Ascot Gold Cup at Ascot (2m 4f, good to soft) in June. A very interesting recruit. Selection: LA CIENAGA

3.30 CHARTER HARDWARE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,530: 2m 6f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 01246-0 FOLIJITA 15 (C,F,G,S) (B Winfield) Miss S Wilton 5-11-10 — 86
2 25036/0 WINTER HAVEN 17 (D,G) (J Davis) J Baker 7-11-3 S Burrough (7) —
3 0034/1- CANTAMEGA 327 (D,G) (Larkhall Natural Health Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 M Pitman 86
4 14/P4F-4 MEDITATOR 18 (G,S) (Mrs J Parrin) W Perrin 6-10-10 A Carroll 88
5 2/5611-0 RU VALENTINO 17 (F) (Mrs S Jones) J Edwards 6-10-9 N Williamson 94
6 00104F- GOOD CAUSE 234 (F,S) (J Pointon) Miss S Wilton 6-10-9 R Dunwoody 97
7 3/P1143- RYMER KING 273 (F,G,S) (G Humby) J Chugg 8-10-8 M Lynch —
8 /2/41P-2 MIRAMAC 19 (D,F,G,S) (R Frost) R Frost 9-10-7 J Frost 97
9 41P/084- STORMWATCH 261 (G,S) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-10-4 W Humphreys 98
10 624221 CATCH THE CROSS 11 (V,F) (S Price) M Pipe 4-10-3 M Foster (7) ● 99
11 F0114-1 PRINCE'S COURT 38 (F) (Crown Racing Ltd) Mrs F Walwyn 7-10-0 K Mooney 89
12 U2063-6 GENEROUS SCOT 18 (BF) (T Sivier) A James 6-10-0 E Tierney (7) 91
13 60111-0 KINGFISHER BAY 15 (D Chicot) B Palling 5-10-0 C Evans 88
14 6/1000/ STIKIT'S BROTHER 588 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 12-10-0 D Gallagher —
15 60/PP00- BEJAYJAY 289 (S) (J Doran) P Cowley 6-10-0 I Shoemark (3) —
16 55-0060 ROUTE MARCH 14 (V,S) (Miss M Preece) P Pritchard 11-10-0 — 83

BETTING: 5-2 Catch The Cross, 7-2 Prince's Court, 4-1 Miramac, 6-1 Winter Haven, 7-1 Meditator, 10-1 Cantamega, 16-1 Good Cause, 25-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS FOLIJITA always behind when last of 7 to Sherwood Gunner here (2m, good). Unproven over this trip. CANTAMEGA off the course since beating into The Red 6l at Stratford (2m 6f, good) in December. MEDITATOR one-paced 12l 4th to Nineofus at Wetherby (2m 4f, good). RU VALENTINO beat Smooth Escort 1½l at Uttoxeter (3m, good to firm) in April, with GENEROUS SCOT (3lb better off) 4l 3rd. Weakened 3 out when 40l 7th to Gay Ruffian at Worcester (2m 4f, good). MIRAMAC, successful at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to firm) in March, 1½l 2nd to Stage Player on reappearance at Kempton (3m, good to firm). STORMWATCH 12½l 4th to Dominion Treasure at Newton Abbot (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft) in March. CATCH THE CROSS beat Iama Zulu 7l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to firm). Previously 1½l 2nd to Battleplan over course and distance (good), with KINGFISHER BAY tailed-off 7th. PRINCE'S COURT beat Star of Oughterard 5l at Warwick (2m 5f, firm), with CATCH THE CROSS (1lb better off), beaten when bad mistake last, 14½l 4th. Selection: MIRAMAC (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Robinson	3	8	37.5
M Pipe	19	69	27.5
Mrs J Pitman	18	75	24.0
J Edwards	17	78	21.8
Miss S Wilton	8	39	20.5
J Chugg	6	31	19.4

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Smith Eccles	13	53	24.5
M Lynch	3	14	21.4
M Pitman	7	35	20.0
J Frost	7	35	20.0
M Bowlby	4	22	18.2
J Railton	4	23	17.4

WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Norquay.
1.45 What About Me.
2.15 Ainsty Fox.
2.50 Dawson City.
3.20 Mister Point.
3.20 NEWHOLME FARM (nap).

By Michael Seely
2.50 DAWSON CITY (nap). 3.20 Mister Point.

Going: good to firm (good in places on back straight) SIS

1.15 SHEFFIELD SELLING HURDLE (£1,744: 2m) (11 runners)

1 21F022- NORQUAY 7F (D,BF,F,G) (Full Circle Thoroughbreds G Plc) N Tinkler 5-11-10 G McCourt ● 99
2 P4/3036- OXFORD PLACE 312 (CD,G,S) (R Thompson) Ronald Thompson 5-11-10 M Leese (7) —
3 4P524-0 RANDOM WARRIOR 13 (G) (Mrs G Lister) J Parkes 6-11-5 — 97
4 064-01 WIMBORNE 14F (D,F) (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) R Bastiman 5-11-5 D Byrne 95
5 0 BEAUDENE 6 (S Taberner) J Mackie 4-10-12 D Shaw —
6 CLASSIC SUITE 8F (G Farndon) R Whitaker 4-10-12 S Turner —
7 323 DANCING DAYS 11 (B) (J Parkes) J Parkes 4-10-12 N Smith (5) 97
8 EDWARD LEAR 11F (J Fitzgerald) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-10-12 M Dwyer —
9 005 PRINCE BISHOP 7 (N Miller) N Miller 4-10-12 A Heywood (7) —
10 F JINDABYNE 27 (Mrs J Gill) H Gill 4-10-7 P A Farrell —
11 MODEST LADY (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-10-7 J Supple (7) —

BETTING: 5-2 Norquay, 11-4 Dancing Days, 7-2 Wimborne, 6-1 Random Warrior, 10-1 Oxford Place, 12-1 Edward Lear, 16-1 others.

1989: JANE-O 6-10-9 S Smith Eccles (5-1) M Tompkins 17 ran

1.45 KNARESBOROUGH NOVICES CHASE (£2,933: 3m 100yd) (2 runners)

1 00-F13F MIDLAND EXPRESS 10 (F,G,S) (J Madeley) Denys Smith 7-11-8 G McCourt 98
2 5261-21 WHAT ABOUT ME 10 (D,G,S) (Mrs S Waite) Mrs S Bramall 7-11-8 J O'Gorman (3) ● 99

BETTING: 4-7 What About Me, 11-8 Midland Express.

1989: HIGHFRITH 6-11-1 N Doughty (10-11 fav) G Richards 8 ran

2.15 HARROGATE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,343: 2m 4f 100yd) (6 runners)

1 22000-4 IMPERTAIN 18 (CD,F) (Developmore Ltd) T Cunningham 10-11-10 N Smith 93
2 223-12F VALENTINOS JOY 11 (D,F,G,S) (B Hutchinson) G Oldroyd 11-11-9 R Garritty 86
3 342113 IMPANY 13 (C,BF,F,G,S) (J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 11-11-3 F Murtagh (5) 81
4 42/1-222 ABSONANT 38 (D,BF,F,G,S) (A Flannigan) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-3 R Hodge (3) 85
5 P13P2-2 DEADLINE 31 (CD,G,S) (C Newton) J Leigh 7-11-3 Gary Lyons ● 99
6 0U10-52 AINSTY FOX 8 (D,G) (C Burton) B Ellison 6-11-1 J O'Gorman 94

BETTING: 11-4 Impany, 7-2 Absonant, 4-1 Ainsty Fox, Deadline, 6-1 Valentinos Joy, 10-1 Impertain.

1989: PYJAMAS 8-11-11 M Moloney (9-2) G Richards 5 ran

2.50 TADCASTER NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,674: 2m) (9 runners)

1 2 DAWSON CITY 17 (G Shouler) M H Easterby 10-8 L Wyer —
2 GRIS ET VIOLET 81F (Catlow Farming Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-8 M Dwyer —
3 JIMMY PIP (Mrs A Beard) J Mackie 10-8 — —
4 LONGSHOREMAN 61F (R Gomersall) N Tinkler 10-8 G McCourt —
5 SIR PETER LELY 14F (John Doyle Construction Ltd) M Hammond 10-8 N Doughty —
6 2 SUGAR THE PILL 87 (Mrs D Kain) T Fairhurst 10-8 R Garritty —
7 SUPREME DANCER 31F (D Williams) N Tinkler 10-8 M Hill —
8 54 TIGHTER BUDGET 87 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 10-8 C Grant —
9 CLOCKWORK ORANGE 436F (Mrs J Homer) R Barr 10-4 G Harker —

BETTING: Evens Dawson City, 7-2 Sugar The Pill, 8-1 Longshoreman, 10-1 Tighter Budget, 12-1 Sir Peter Lely, 14-1 Gris Et Violet, 25-1 others.

1989: HOUGHTON 10-7 C Grant (7-1) M W Easterby 21 ran

3.20 RUFFORTH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,525: 2m 50yd) (6 runners)

1 1012-14 GREENHEART 17 (CD,F,G) (The Morley Stud) W A Stephenson 7-12-0 C Grant 96
2 1F4302- GOLD OPTIONS 260 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-12-0 M Dwyer 97
3 346P-33 MASNOON 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Eyre) J Eyre 7-11-8 J J Quinn ● 99
4 222/252- TRESIDDER 252 (D,G,S) (S J Brewer) M W Easterby 8-11-7 R Marley 97
5 1111P-1 MISTER POINT 18 (CD,G,S) (Dale (Bloodstock) Ltd) N Tinkler 8-10-11 G McCourt 96
6 2U33-4F BEAU GUEST 13 (D,F,G) (W Sellers) J Parkes 8-10-0 D Byrne 88

Long handicap: Beau Guest 9-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Mister Point, 3-1 Tresidder, 4-1 Gold Options, 6-1 Masnoon, 8-1 Greenheart, 10-1 Beau Guest.

1989: KARENOMORE 11-12-0 L Wyer (5-1) M H Easterby 6 ran

3.50 HALIFAX NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,646: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 314221 TRANQUIL WATERS 11 (D,G) (Robinson Publications Ltd) N Tinkler 4-11-10 G McCourt 89
2 00662/2 NEWHOLME FARM 11 (BF) (R Howe) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-6 M Dwyer 87
3 P035-14 LADY TOKEN 17 (D,F) (H Gill) H Gill 6-11-4 R Hodge (7) 91
4 263-22P CLEASBY HILL 17 (B,F) (J Hanson) J Hanson 5-11-3 G Bradley 89
5 63-P0 FIGHTING FINISH 13 (Mrs H Scott) W A Stephenson 6-10-11 C Grant 86
6 2224-26 ICARUS 19 (BF) (N Ryan) M H Easterby 4-10-6 L Wyer ● 99
7 P0-236P TRUE FAN 39 (S Street) T Caldwell 5-10-0 P Caldwell 92
8 0033-64 ARCTICFLOW 14 (N de Savary) N Thomson 5-10-0 J Callaghan (3) 96
9 00/PP- GAVOMATIC 274 (Miss K Watson) J Wainwright 7-10-0 J J Quinn —

Long handicap: True Fan 9-12, Arcticflow 9-8, Gavomatic 9-10.

BETTING: 11-4 Newholme Farm, 4-1 Icarus, 5-1 Cleasby Hill, Tranquil Waters, 8-1 Arcticflow, Lady Token, 14-1 True Fan, 25-1 others.

1989: MIDLAND GLENN 5-11-7 Mr P McMahon (2-1 fav) J Eyre 16 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
J Mackie	5	19	26.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	29	130	22.3
M H Easterby	37	191	19.4
W Stephenson	58	338	17.2
M W Easterby	18	118	15.3
J Hanson	10	67	14.9

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Wyer	25	113	22.1
M Dwyer	37	191	19.4
G McCourt	7	39	17.9
D Byrne	3	17	17.6
N Doughty	10	60	16.7
G Bradley	14	85	16.5

SOUTHWELL

Selections

By Mandarin

12.30 Western Ace. 1.0 Candesco. 1.30 Glencroft. 2.0 Pims Classic. 2.30 Indian Plume. 3.0 Diamond Inthe Dark. 3.30 Beau Benz.

Going: standard SIS
Draw: 5f-7f low numbers best

12.30 RIVER IDLE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,432: 7f) (14 runners)

1 6004 BLAZING FEN 7 Mrs N Macauley 9-0 Emma O'Gorman (7) 12
2 00 CASTLE MERLIN 13 R Muddle 9-0 R McGhin 14
3 5300 DANZIG LAD 25 M Naughton 9-0 G Carter 7
4 5030 HONING STONE 38 C Allen 9-0 Mick Denaro (7) 4
5 0005 JUST ONE 12 (B) M McCormack 9-0 A Clark 5
6 009 LAST CRUSADE 21 R Johnson Houghton 9-0 R Hills 9
7 0066 MICK'S CHOICE 7 (B) M W Easterby 9-0 D Nicholls 13
8 0 PRICELESS HOLLY 15 Mrs G Reveley 9-0 M A Giles 1
9 0000 SOLID 35 J Jenkins 9-0 T Wilson (7) 2
10 002 WESTERN ACE 7 J Eustace 9-0 M Tebbutt 3
11 6005 ANDERSON ROSE 7 M Chapman 8-9 B Crossley 10
12 060 EVADING 40 (V) W Hastings-Bass 8-9 Dale Gibson 6
13 4000 GRANITTON PRINCESS 20 (V) R Whitaker 8-9 A Culhane 8
14 6004 ROBINS RETURN 42 Denys Smith 8-9 P Dalton (7) 11

11-10 Western Ace, 7-2 Mick's Choice, 11-2 Blazing Fen, 8-1 Evading, 10-1 Honing Stone, 12-1 Just One, 14-1 others.

1.0 CROMWELL LOCK HANDICAP (£2,616: 7f) (16)

1 1600 VINTAGE TYPE 15 (B,D,F) J Watts 3-10-0 G Duffield 16
2 0066 BEACHY GLEN 7 (V,G,S) C Tinkler 3-9-12 — 10
3 6010 CANDESCO 40 (C) B McMahon 4-9-12 Ron Hills (3) 5
4 0062 EUROBLAKE 31 (D,F) T Barron 3-9-10 Alex Greaves (5) 2
5 5042 TEMPERING 7 (F) D Chapman 4-9-6 D Nicholls 3
6 0115 DEPUTY TIM 7 (D,F,G,S) R Bastiman 7-9-5 H Bastiman (7) 7
7 0009 SPRING HIGH 22 (F) K Ivory 3-9-5 N Adams 4
8 8301 GONDO 7 (C) E Alston 3-9-5 (5ex) G Carter 11
9 5036 SOLA MIA 7 (F) S Bowring 4-9-4 S Perks 15
10 0540 O'BERON'S DAUGHTER 11 R Thompson 3-9-3 T Williams 9
11 5402 FOR REAL 17 (F,G) J Etherington 3-9-1 K Darley 14
12 0206 VERDANT BOY 7 (CD,F,G) K McCauley 7-9-1 L Charnock 1
13 0062 ROOSTERS TIPPLE 7 (B) M W Easterby 4-8-13 M Hills 13
14 0006 WHIPPER IN 41 (B,F,S) J Etherington 6-8-13 M Wigham 6
15 3506 GOZONE 12 E Eldin 3-8-12 A Proud 12
16 5003 SCOTONI 11 (B,F) R O'Sullivan 4-8-10 G Husband (5) 8

11-4 Tempering, 9-2 Deputy Tim, 6-1 Sola Mia, 8-1 For Real, Vintage Type, 10-1 Scotoni, Verdant Boy 12-1 others.

1.30 MERSEY CANAL HANDICAP (£2,574: 6f) (14)

1 0624 WING PARK 10 (F,G) J Pearce 8-10-0 G Duffield 3
2 1451 TAUBER 22 (D,F,G,S) Pat Mitchell 6-9-11 Ron Hills (3) 12
3 5024 J CHEEVER LOOPHOLE 7 (CD,F,S) C Tinkler 5-9-7 — 4
4 1021 GLENCROFT 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 6-9-2 (7ex) J Carroll 7
5 0012 MAID WELCOME 7 (B,F) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-9 Emma O'Gorman (7) 1
6 0350 GALLANT HOPE 24 (B,D,F,G) B Millman 8-8-9 Alex Greaves (5) 14
7 4202 MALUNAR 14 (D,S) M Tompkins 5-8-7 R Hills 10
8 4654 CROFT VALLEY 7 (D,F) R Whitaker 3-8-6 A Culhane 8
9 3502 EL ARAB 13 (D,F) E Alston 3-8-5 G Carter 11
10 0000 HANSOM LAD 15 (CD) W Haigh 7-8-4 T Williams 6
11 0100 HINARI VIDEO 15 (CD,G,S) M Johnston 5-8-2 R P Elliott 13
12 6014 GREY TUDOR 14 (D,BF,S) C Allen 3-7-7 N Carlisle 5
13 0600 VILLA BIANCA 14 (S) S Harris 4-7-7 Jaki Houston (7) 2
14 0/00 BALLAD TUNE 59 S Bowring 5-7-7 A Garth (7) 9

5-2 Glencroft, 4-1 Maid Welcome, 6-1 Tauber, 8-1 Gallant Hope, 10-1 Hinari Video, J Cheever Loophole, 12-1 others.

2.0 RIVER IDLE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,413: 7f) (13)

1 C3 CARROLLS MARC 14 M Tompkins 9-0 R Hills 9
2 0 HE'S A KING 60 N Bycroft 9-0 D Nicholls 10
3 0063 JUST JOHN 7 B McMahon 9-0 Ron Hills (3) 13
4 2404 KINOKO 32 R Hollinshead 9-0 A Culhane 5
5 0600 LITTLE CONKER 35 A Smith 9-0 M Wigham 3
6 44 LUKS AKURA 20 M Johnston 9-0 R P Elliott 2
7 00 OLD DEFENSIBLE 17 R Muddle 9-0 T Ashley (7) 6
8 042 PIMS CLASSIC 17 W Haggas 9-0 M Hills 4
9 06 CONQUETE 12 C C Elsey 8-9 W Newnes 12
10 0402 MYSTIC CRYSTAL 12 W O'Gorman 8-9 Emma O'Gorman (7) 8
11 00 OLD PEG 24 M H Easterby 8-9 K Darley 7
12 0 RASMOOR SONG 42 D Lee 8-9 J Quinn 1
13 STANE STREET P Makin 8-9 T Sprake (5) 11

5-2 Mystic Crystal, 4-1 Pims Classic, 6-1 Carrolls Marc, 8-1 Just John, 10-1 Conquete, Stane Street, 12-1 others.

2.30 DESIGN CONTRACTORS CLAIMING STAKES (£2,637: 1m 6f) (18)

1 3156 GO SOUTH 22 (B,F,G,S) J Jenkins 8-9-7 N Day 8
2 0464 SUDDEN VICTORY 59 (D,BF,G,S) N Tinkler 5-9-7 Kim Tinkler 12
3 4550 CHRONOLOGICAL 17 M Tompkins 4-9-2 C Hodgson (5) 9
4 2212 CLASS ACT 28J (B,D,BF,F) J Hills 4-9-2 M Hills 4
5 6326 GLAZERITE 15 (V,F,G) R Guest 3-8-11 B Foote (7) 16
6 BRIGHT DANCER 27J Mrs G Reveley 5-8-9 M A Giles 17
7 6 ROYAL STEEL 53 R Hollinshead 3-8-9 G Hind (3) 14
8 0540 GALATEA PEARL 17 B McMahon 3-8-6 Ron Hills (3) 6
9 1000 INDIAN PLUME 36 (C) M H Easterby 3-8-5 K Darley 15
10 46-6 SILENT PRINCESS 217J (V) J Harris 4-8-4 T Williams 11
11 4442 SOPHIA GARDENS 77 Pat Mitchell 3-8-4 G Duffield 10
12 -263 STRADBROKE 14J J Akehurst 3-8-4 R Hills 13
13 5503 MISSISSIPPI BEAT 27 (V) M Naughton 3-8-3 G Carter 2
14 420/ TAKE A LIBERTY 12J (S) Miss S Wilton 5-8-3 — 1
15 -000 MISS ABBI 21 C Tinkler 3-8-0 J Quinn 5
16 0040 BIRDIE CHANCE 7 S Dow 3-7-13 Dale Gibson 7
17 0000 CHALLEY 21 M Bell 3-7-11 N Adams 18
18 4040 NOCTURNAL REVERIE 21 (B) J Pearce 3-7-11 S Dawson 3

15-8 Stradbroke, 100-30 Glazerite, 8-1 Sophia Gardens, 10-1 Class Act, Go South, 12-1 Chronological, 14-1 others.

3.0 TRENT NAVIGATION NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,511: 5f) (16)

1 6302 DIAMOND INTHE DARK 13 S Norton 9-7 A Culhane 7
2 1060 STATELY MARCH 6 (F) R Stubbs 9-3 Mick Denaro (7) 12
3 2601 JOLLY FISHERMAN 7 (C) M Chapman 9-2 (7ex) B Crossley 15
4 645 JESS REBEC 11 G Huffer 9-1 L Newton (5) 2
5 2606 LITTLE FLASHER 13 (B,D,F) M W Easterby 9-13 K Darley 10
6 4500 KREISCHIM 7 Pat Mitchell 8-12 Ron Hills (3) 8
7 0550 GREEN BUCK 22 B Palling 8-11 R Hills 9
8 4460 FLYING PROMISE 11 R Bennett 8-11 N Adams 4
9 6543 RINCE DEAS 17 M McCormack 8-10 Gina Faulkner (7) 11
10 2466 NORTHGATE GIRL 11 M Brittain 8-9 S Maloney (3) 5
11 2040 CAERULIA 11 W Pearce 8-8 J O'Dwyer (7) 14
12 4000 CALIBAIRN 13 (B) E Wheeler 8-8 M Wigham 6
13 000 LADY SCOTFIELD 17 R Muddle 8-7 T Williams 16
14 0000 BARRON'S BOY 8 W Carter 8-5 G Carter 1
15 0610 TODAY'S FANCY 8 (B,CD) Pat Mitchell 8-4 Julie Bowker 3
16 6005 WANE'S SECRET 29 K McCauley 7-13 L Charnock 13

7-2 Rince Deas, 6-1 Little Flasher, 8-1 Caerulia, Jolly Fishermen, Northgate Girl, 10-1 Calibairn, 12-1 others.

3.30 RIVER TRENT HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 4f) (18)

1 2021 COSIMO 7 (CD,G) P Blockley 3-10-7 (7ex) Lynne Dykes (7) 18
2 824- SKY CAT 585 (G) M H Easterby 6-9-11 D Nicholls 14
3 0454 TYRNIPPY 11 (C,G,S) M Brittain 4-8-8 S Maloney (5) 6
4 015 REPECHAGE 32 (D,F) B McMahon 3-9-7 Ron Hills (3) 11
5 4506 NATARAYA 18 G Harwood 3-9-6 A Clark 3
6 -003 TRISTIORUM 17 (B) J Etherington 3-9-4 K Darley 9
7 -324 BRIGADIER BILL 14 (BF) Mrs G Reveley 5-9-3 R Hills 8
8 6232 BEAU BENZ 14 (B,D,F,G) M H Easterby 6-9-3 G Carter 10
9 8000 VAIRAGYA 9 A Hide 3-9-3 K Rutter (7) 4
10 0322 SOCIETY BALL 36 (B) J Watts 3-9-1 G Duffield 18
11 340- BREAKOUT 274J (F,G) J Harris 6-8-11 T Williams 13
12 65-0 NIGHT TRADER 17 R Marvin 4-8-9 M Tebbutt 15
13 3656 SATIN LAKE 7 (B,CD) S Norton 3-8-9 A Proud 5
14 0000 GREAT GUSTO 35 (D,F) C Dwyer 4-8-7 C Dwyer 2
15 365 BLACKWATERFOOT 172 R Boss 3-8-5 N Day 1
16 1350 SUIVEZ MOI 11 (C,F) C Allen 6-8-5 R Morse 12
17 500/ PRIMETTA PRINCE 937 W Pearce 5-8-4 S Buckton 7
18 6000 MYFONTAINE 20 (D,G) K Ivory 3-8-4 Dale Gibson 17

7-2 Beau Benz, 4-1 Nataraya, 6-1 Cosimo, 8-1 Society Ball, 10-1 Satin Lake, Blackwaterfoot, Myfontaine, 12-1 others.

Course Specialists

TRAINERS: P Makin, 4 winners from 9 runners, 44.4%; W Haggas, 3 from 9, 33.3%; T Barron, 23 from 74, 31.1%; A Hide, 4 from 13, 30.8%; W Hastings-Bass, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Bell, 3 from 16, 18.8%.

JOCKEYS: T Sprake, 3 winners from 4 rides, 75.0%; Alex Greaves, 24 from 61, 39.3%; Emma O'Gorman, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Hills, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M Tebbutt, 6 from 25, 24.0%; R Hills, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Leicester

Going: hurdles (soft); chase (good).

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, FORTUNES WOOD (S Smith Eccles, 16-1); 2, The Artful Rascal (R Rowe, 100-30); 3, Shadow Run (R Dunwoody, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-5 fav Solo Cornet (pu), 6 Almanzora (6th), 16 Why Ever Not, 33 All Gold Boy, Bonus Boy, Crackerjackie Gee (pu), Mandy's Tino (5th), Southend United (su), Chichell's Hurst (4th), Furry Lane, Pearly Dream (pu). 14 ran. 7l, 2l, 7l, 20l, nk. T Thomson Jones at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £27.30; £5.60, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £291.80. CSF: £69.91.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, GLEBELANDS GIRL (Lee O'Hara, 10-1); 2, Reef Native (M Perrett, 9-2); 3, Luck O' The Irish (R Beggan, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Stranger Salt (6th), 7 Nicholas Payne, 6 Captain Chrome (4th), 9 Welsh Mansion (pu), 10 Bold Lilly (pu), Star Leader, 14 By Far, Kings Alderman, 16 First Exhibition (f), 20 Good Session (5th), Illogical, Walkern Witch (pu), 33 Shahriyar (f), Fire Gold (ur). 17 ran. 2¾l, 1¾l, 1l, 4l, 4l. R Bennett at Maidenhead. Tote: £16.10; £5.30, £2.30, £2.60. DF: £271.80. CSF: £81.55.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, PERNOIC (W McFarland, 5-1); 2, Tartan Trix (M Pitman, 4-1); 3, Hasty Diver (C Llewellyn, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Bara Peg (5th), 11-2 What A Wally (4th), Lumley Lake (pu), 8 See You There (6th), 40 Insure (pu). 8 ran. 2l, hd, 20l, 15l, 15l. R Lee at Presteigne. Tote: £7.10; £2.30, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £10.90. CSF: £23.25. Tricast: £264.87.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, REMITTANCE MAN (R Dunwoody, 8-13 fav); 2, Teniente (R Rowe, 4-1); 3, Woodland Retreat (D Dennis, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 12 Forest Rain (6th), 14 Dr Rocket (4th), Denberdar (5th), 33 Snake Eye. 7 ran. 12l, 5l, 2½l, 2½l, hd. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.70; £1.60, £1.90. DF: £2.80. CSF: £3.55.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, LUMBERJACK (M Dwyer, 7-1); 2, Bitter Buck (G McCourt, 7-4 fav); 3, Iveagh House (M Pitman, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Aldino (4th), 8 Mole Board (5th), 20 Carbisdale, 50 Threeoutoffour (6th). 7 ran. Hd, 6l, 3½l, 6l, 20l. Jimmy Fitzgerald at Malton. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £1.40. DF: £10.60. CSF: £18.53.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, SHIKOUK (J Osborne, 25-1); 2, Takla (M Dwyer, 12-1); 3, Laundryman (M Perrett, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Smirin's Cracker (4th), 13-2 Path In The Glen, 15-2 Pelham Suite, 9 Greenhills Warrior (6th), 12 Uncle Mogy (5th), 15 Topping-the-Bill (f), 20 Superior Finish, 25 Security Alert, Celtic Winters, 33 Chief Celt, Garry Pierro, K C's Dancer, Sea Vale (f), Coombesbury Lane (pu). 17 ran. 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 3l, 3½l. A J Wilson at Cheltenham. Tote: £19.60; £4.60, £4.00, £1.30. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £3.60. CSF: £289.66.

Placepot: £701.30.

Windsor

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hurdles)

1.0 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, GRANVILLE-WATERFORD (M Richards, 3-1); 2, Alreef (A Tory, 10-1); 3, Sailors Luck (N Mann, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Pharamineux (f), 8 Top Villain (6th), 10 Careless Kiss (ro), 12 Sylvan Tempest (4th), 25 Greenhill Raffles (5th), Mister Odoy, 33 Blakeneys Gift, Present Times, Ready Wit (pu), 50 Careful Lad, In The Zone, Rajanpour, Ronald Ivor, Summerwood Boy (pu), Ballyvaughan Lady, Hazely Chase (pu), Spanish Love. 20 ran. NR: Julius Of Normandy, My Sparkling Ring. ½l, 6l, 4l, 3l, 4l. S Sherwood at East Ilsley. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £4.40, £3.10. DF: £27.10. CSF: £32.35.

1.30 (2m 40yd ch) 1, SOLENT LAD (M Stevens, 7-2); 2, Lord Admiral (Gee Armytage, 9-4 fav); 3, Master Vince (D Skyrme, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Spirited Holme (5th), 7 Deep Ridge (4th). 5 ran. 4l, 2l, 12l, 4l. B Stevens at Winchester. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £1.60. DF: £5.20. CSF: £11.13.

2.0 (2m 6f hdle) 1, SOUTHERN SUPREME (E Murphy, 3-1); 2, Mister Gabo (N Williamson, 9-4); 3, Celtic Sport (C Maude, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Frans Girl (6th), 12 Train Robber (5th), 25 Sparos (pu), 50 Dupes Cigar (pu), Hansel's Run, Joker Jack (4th), Owen Somer, Proverbial Knight, Miss Blizard, Petty O'Reilly. 13 ran. ½l, 5l, 12l, 3l, 1½l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £5.10; £1.90, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £9.70. CSF: £10.32.

2.30 (2m 40yd ch) 1, CASTLE JESTER (R Guest, 7-1); 2, Desero (D Madgwick, 33-1); 3, Run By Jove (D Morris, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Finchglow (ur), 4 Caspian Flyer (4th), 6 Bold Archer (3rd), 10 Emma Pepper (f), 25 Sovereign Deed (f). 8 ran. 3l, 25l, 4l. J Elliott at Alton. Tote: £8.60; £2.30, £4.60, £1.50. DF: £341.10. CSF: £137.37.

3.0 1, (3m ch) 1, RICH REMORSE (R Goldstein, 6-1); 2, Dandy Minstrel (M Bowlby, 9-1); 3, Furzen Hill (D Tegg, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Beau Rose, 7-2 Rare Bid (6th), 5 Montgomery (4th), 13-2 Ha'penny Bridge, 14 Asigh, 20 Cantoral (5th). 9 ran. 1l, 15l, 2½l, sh hd, 12l. R Curtis at Epsom. Tote: £8.30; £2.50, £2.00, £4.40. DF: £44.00. CSF: £58.05. Tricast: £774.91.

3.30 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, BARRERA LAD (P Holley, 9-4 fav); 2, Cut A Caper (N Mann, 9-1); 3, Meadall (A Tory, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Rosgill (5th), 9 Tiger Claw, 12 The Lighter Side (4th), Gided Youth, 14 Northern Alliance, Coquillage, 16 Ribokeyes Boy (ur), 20 Popeswood (6th), 33 Mumaf, 50-1 Whoever, 66 Stretch Out. 14 ran. 1l, ½l, 1½l, 15l, 3l. R Townsend at Charing. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £17.00. CSF: £24.47. Tricast: £70.58.

Placepot: £282.70

Bangor

Going: soft with heavy patches

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Lady Remainder (I Lawrence, 100-30); 2, Miss Karry (14-1); 3, Legal Streak (12-1). Manuela Del Utente 13-8 fav. 17 ran. NR: Wild Dancer. 3l, 12l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote £4.90, £1.80, £3.40, £2.20. DF: £54.70. CSF: £47.36.

1.15 (3m ch) 1, Flemish Fudge (B Dowling, 5-4 fav); 2, Green Archer (5-1); 3, Pride Hill (9-2). 9 ran. Sh hd, 20l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £5.60. CSF: £7.35. Tricast: £18.25.

1.45 1, (2m 4f ch) 1, Golden Celtic (G Upton, 4-9 fav: Mandarin's & Michael Seely's nap); 2, Sir Noddy (12-1); 3, Barkin (6-1). 7 ran. 30l. 8l. Miss H Knight. Tote: £1.60, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.25.

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Gipsy Rambler (G Harker, 14-1); 2, Revaro (9-4 fav); 3, Rise Over (9-2). 10 ran. 5l, 15l. N Chamberlain. Tote: £12.30; £3.00, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £15.40. CSF: £41.14. Tricast: £151.02.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Mountain Man (M Jones, 25-1); 2, Whats Your Problem (11-8 fav); 3, Easy Kin (12-1). 9 ran. 4l, 10l. R Dickin. Tote: £23.50; £5.30, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £19.60. CSF: £53.82. Tricast: £372.14.

3.15 (3m hdle) 1, Concert Paper (L Wyer, 9-4 fav); 2, Perty Bridge (3-1); 3, Fair Agnes (14-1). 13 ran. 3l, 5l. Miss S Wilton. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.50, £5.00. DF: £4.40. CSF: £8.42.

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SPORT

A love match is made in the ring of hate

By SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE boxing match that was born of hate, and which generated into one of the most brutal seen in Britain, ended in love for Chris Eubank, of Brighton, and Nigel Benn, of West Ham.

Although Eubank stopped Benn in the ninth round to lift the latter's World Boxing Organisation middleweight title at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on Sunday, both emerged winners in that they announced their next matches: Eubank to marry Karron and Benn to marry Sharron.

Eubank, who could hardly speak because of a split tongue, said: "She said yes, we'll get married as quickly as possible, in a church." Benn said: "I'm going to fly off to Las Vegas and marry Sharron on January 2, my birthday."

Eubank was so delighted with Karron's response that he even said he loved Benn. "I love the man — he's brilliant. To do what we did is something many human beings could not produce. His punching power is phenomenal. I've had a realisation — Benn humbled me. What punching power. I have the utmost respect for him.

"I know now what he meant before the fight about me taking out fire insurance — it was hot in there. I kept asking the Lord for strength but the punishment is worth it for the money to take care of my family.

"But if all the punchers were as powerful as Benn I would quit. His power is savage and he extended me the way nobody else in life has done. For that I love the man."

Eubank's reaction to one who hated him is typical of an unconventional man. His achievement will have earned him the respect of the boxing world, who hated him for his ambivalence toward the sport. They will understand what he means now.

He won their approval by refusing to run from a feared middleweight, as he had been expected to do. Eubank's trainer, Ron Davies, said. "I told him to box Benn but he would not listen, he wanted to show he could stand up to him. I had a ruck with him every round."

Together with his wedding plans, Eubank, who made a six-figure sum against Benn's reported £1 million (which I am informed was really £400,000), will be considering his next move. The options are still not as promising as Benn's were.

Benn's two-fisted approach went well with any style of opponent and was ideal for television. Bob Arum, the influential American promoter, who had arranged a $5 million deal for him, including a multi-million dollar bout with Michael Nunn, the International Boxing Federation champion, is not interested in matching Eubank with Nunn. They are thought to be too similar to be a draw.

That leaves Herol Graham and Julian Jackson, of the United States, the World Boxing Council champion, who are meeting on Saturday; Mike McCallum, of Jamaica, who destroyed Michael Watson, who knocked out Benn; and Steve Collins, an Irishman boxing out of Boston.

Eubank, who trains with Graham, has admitted that the Sheffield boxer would be too clever for him, so Graham is out. McCallum could be a little too experienced. Which would leave him with Collins, Watson and Julian Jackson, should he beat Graham, and a rematch with Benn.

Eubank has ruled out Benn as well, saying: "He is one in a million — I didn't know people could have that kind of power. He was strong enough to kill me. No way am I getting back in the ring with him."

While Barry Hearn, his manager, thinks Eubank stands a good chance against McCallum, Collins looks like being Eubank's next opponent. But as Arum warns that a defence against Collins might not appeal to British television sufficiently to make big money, Eubank may have to got to Boston. Hearn will ask anything from $500,000 to $1 million, which Benn had been promised for defending against Collins.

Hearn said: "Eubank will fight who he wants to fight for what money he wants and we don't want to throw away the title for a few more dollars against a really tough opponent such as Benn. Mike McCallum is on our shopping list eventually. I think Chris will chop him up." Hearn is also thinking of bringing Roberto Duran over for his new champion.

● The British Boxing Board of Control has told Gary Mason that he must defend his British heavyweight title against Lennox Lewis, the European champion, before March, or give it up. Mason has until December 9 to negotiate this.

Benn's future, page 32

Eubank: making his point that he is the world No. 1

Gooch must offer a healing hand

From ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
HOBART

WHEN Graham Gooch rejoins his England team in Brisbane today his first task is plain and poignant. He must go into conference with the tour management to discuss how best his own damaging absence from the first Test match, starting on Friday, can be camouflaged.

After ten days in an Adelaide hospital following surgery on his poisoned hand, Gooch has been assured by his surgeon that he remains on target for the second Test, which starts in Melbourne on Boxing Day. This news postpones, but does not necessarily preclude, a decision to summon an additional player.

Micky Stewart, the team manager, said last night that the situation would be reviewed with Gooch over the next few days but that any recruit from England would need three weeks' acclimatisation leading up to the match against Victoria starting on December 20. This implies that a deadline has been set for the coming weekend. Stewart also disclosed that the choice of replacement has been narrowed to a shortlist of two.

All this was long-term hypothesis compared to the problems England must confront in their two remaining days before this series is launched. Once Gooch was ruled out, decisions had to be taken about which players were to be backed and, as Stewart concedes, "in the area of the top three, it just hasn't worked out".

Wayne Larkins, Mike Atherton and David Gower mustered an aggregate of 24 runs from their two innings apiece in the four-day game against an Australian XI, which ended with England on the right end of a draw. Worse than their figures was the manner of their dismissals; worst of all is that England are left with no viable alternative to playing all three on Friday.

Stewart would not be drawn on the possibility of reshaping the batting order, or specifically on the promotion of Robin Smith to a No. 3 position which his style would seem to suit admirably. "Everything will be considered", he said, "but while no one wants to lose early wickets in a Test, we have to weigh up whether to disturb one of our strengths."

This was a clear reference to the prolific middle-order pairing of Smith and Allan Lamb which, not for the first time, rescued England yesterday with a conviction which left one wondering how they could have contrived such a mess in the first place.

Coming together at 19 for three, a luxury only by the standards of the first-innings nine for three, the two South Africans added 173, including 163 in the two hours up to lunch yesterday. Bowling which had looked unplayable when put to the top three now looked nothing more than mediocre.

Lamb had his early problems against the young leg-spin bowler, Peter McIntyre, whose figures did him no justice, but his second fifty came in only 35 minutes as he became the first English batsman to make two centuries in a match, on an Australian tour, since Peter May at Sydney in 1958-59.

The acting captain batted commandingly and selflessly, giving himself up to the pursuit of runs in the last over of the period and instantly declaring to endorse his stated aim of victory in every match.

Boon, with scores of 67 and 108 on his delightful home ground, looks in ominously impressive form for Brisbane but, despite the calamities at the top of their order, England can take just as much encouragement as the opposition from this innovative fixture.

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 340 (A J Lamb 154, A J Stewart 95, R A Smith 71; C D Matthews 6 for 71).

Second Innings
M A Atherton c Waugh b C D Matthews 0
W Larkins c Campbell b C D Matthews 8
D I Gower c Cantrell b McDermott 8
R A Smith not out 58
*A J Lamb c Waugh b Campbell 105
Extras (b 6, lb 2, w 1, nb 4) 13
Total (4 wkts) 192

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-13, 3-19, 4-192.
BOWLING: McDermott 13-3-54-1 (4nb); C D Matthews 12-0-44-2 (1w); McIntyre 12-3-71-0; Campbell 3.2-0-15-1.
AUSTRALIAN XI: First Innings 192 (D C Boon 67; D E Malcolm 7 for 74).

Second Innings
P Cantrell hit wkt b Fraser 17
*D C Boon c Larkins b Malcolm 108
T M Moody c Lamb b Fraser 10
M E Waugh c Atherton b Tufnell 12
D S Lehmann run out 29
†I A Healy c Russell b Fraser 0
G R J Matthews not out 21
C D Matthews not out 2
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 8) 15
Total (6 wkts) 214

P McIntyre, G D Campbell and C J McDermott did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-75, 3-113, 4-179, 5-185, 6-201.
BOWLING: Malcolm 10-5-34-1; Fraser 19-3-75-3 (6nb); Small 9-3-31-0; Tufnell 15-0-60-1 (2nb); Atherton 4-2-7-0.
Umpires: S Randell and I Thomas.

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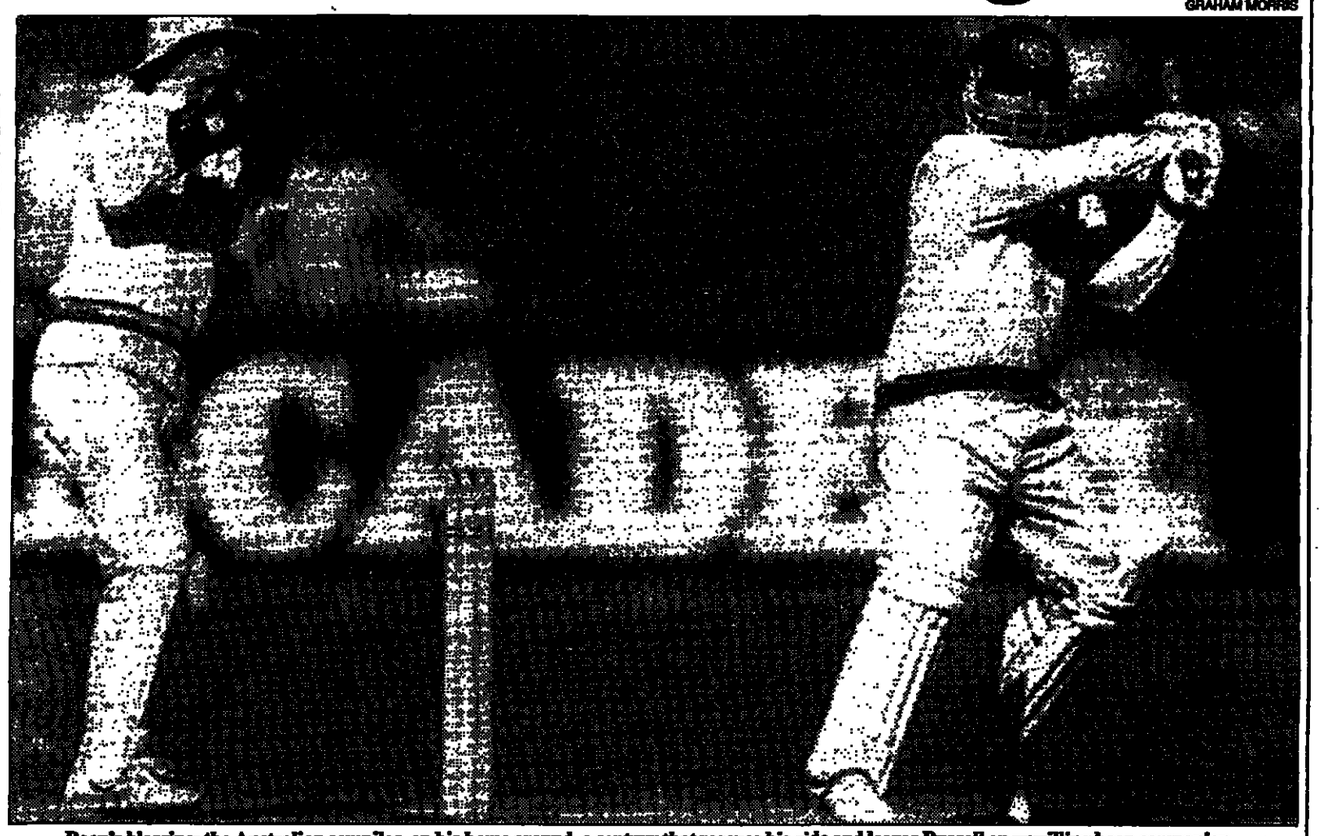

Boon's blessing: the Australian compiles, on his home ground, a century that rescues his side and leaves Russell an unwilling boon companion

Marseilles renew their interest in buying Barnes

By IAN ROSS

DESPITE his continued failure to reproduce his domestic form at international level, John Barnes, the Liverpool forward, remains the most coveted of English footballers.

Marseilles, the French champions, are the latest European club to enquire about Barnes's availability. While their request for information about his future plans was met by a courteous, non-committal response, the lodging of an official bid is thought a distinct possibility.

Liverpool have never tempted fate by placing a price-tag on Barnes but should an auction materialise the bidding would start at nothing less than £5 million.

In common with several leading Italian clubs, Marseilles has rekindled its interest in Barnes at an opportune moment for his contract expires at the end of the season. Although Liverpool is believed ready to offer him the most lucrative deal in the club's history to remain at Anfield for a further four years, he has refused to agree terms.

Ideally, Marseilles would like to buy Barnes, aged 27, immediately to improve their chances of progressing through into the semi-finals of the European Cup but any such plan would be vetoed by Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpoel manager.

Marseilles's enquiry was prompted by the loss, through injury, of Dragan Stojkovic, the Yugoslavian international midfield player who joined the club from Red Star.

If Barnes does not agree a new contract or is still unsold, he will become a free agent at the end of the season, a situation which could cost Liverpool an estimated £4 million. Under Uefa regulations the maximum transfer fee for a free agent is a mere £1.5 million.

Uefa announced yesterday in Zurich that it would decide in April whether Liverpool should be re-admitted to European competition.

● Everton have appointed Brian Greenhalgh, the former Aston Villa and Leicester City forward, chief scout and Jim Barron, the former Nottingham Forest goalkeeper, youth team coach.

Real dismiss Toshack

MADRID (AP) — Real Madrid dismissed their Welsh coach, John Toshack, yesterday, following their 2-1 defeat by Valencia, their third loss in the Spanish League this season.

According to reports in Spain, Toshack was told of the club's decision at a meeting with the president, Ramón Mendoza. Neither Toshack nor club officials nor were available for comment.

Alfredo di Stefano was expected to take over as coach, at least on a temporary basis. Di Stefano, who has coached the team before, led Real to five consecutive European Cups as a player in the 1950s and early 1960s.

After four years in charge of Real Sociedad, Toshack, aged 41, led Real to their fifth consecutive league championship last season in his first year.

This season, Real have won five, drawn three and lost three and have fallen to sixth place in the table. Not since 1984 have they been beaten so often so early in the season.

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£1m profit again for the AAA

BRITISH athletics has made a £1 million-plus profit for the second successive year. It pushes the sport's reserves to £2.2 million, but John Lister, the treasurer, warns of lower income and higher costs.

Lister urged the Chancellor, John Major, to ease the tax burden on governing bodies of sport. He said: "A significant headache would be removed and more could be ploughed back into our future."

The Amateur Athletic Association, controlling financial body for the sport, made a surplus for the year ending September 30 of £1,119,471. More than £440,000 will go in corporation tax. Lister said: "The reserves are vital to underpin our commitments in the years to come."

Sponsorship goes up a gear

By JENNY MACARTHUR

TOYOTA (GB) Limited yesterday announced plans for a three-year £1 million sponsorship, covering four equestrian disciplines, which will make the car manufacturing firm one of the leading sponsors in the sport.

The company, which began its involvement with horse trials last year, is extending its sponsorship to include the Bramham International three-day event in Yorkshire and two days of the five-day Royal Windsor Horse Show, where show jumping and dressage events are included.

Two of the existing company sponsorships will be modified. The Lexus national carriage driving championships at Windsor, will now incorporate the National Novice championships.

The successful horse trials series that Toyota initiated last year is to be restructured following the recent change in the qualifications for the novice and intermediate championships.

There will now be five events in the Toyota accumulator points championship: Lincolnshire (March 31 to April 1); Scunthorpe (May 26); Brightling Park (June 29 and 30); Frome (July 20 and 21) and the Novice and Intermediate championships at Locko Park (August 3 and 4).

Alan Marsh, the managing director of Toyota (GB) and the Lexus division, said yesterday that the company would be spending around £200,000 annually on eventing and £150,000 on its other equestrian activities over the next three years.

Bramham, which takes place from June 6 to 9, at the home of Mr and Mrs George Lane Fox, is set to be the flagship in the package.

Bill Henson, the director of the horse trials, said that prize-money at Bramham will be doubled. The first prize will now be £4,000. Henson also said there would be a pro-am competition next year and he confirmed that Bramham is seeking to hold the finals of the inaugural European Cup in 1992. "Bramham is changing gear," he said. "We are now into overdrive."

Raymond Brooks-Ward, of British Equestrian Promotions, described the sponsorship announcement as "an auspicious occasion for the sport". It is the first time that four equestrian disciplines have come under one sponsor.

United to consider FA appeal

MARTIN Edwards, Manchester United chairman, said yesterday the club may appeal against the Football Association decision to deduct a point following violent conduct by several players in the match against Arsenal at Old Trafford on October 29. Arsenal may also appeal.

Bryan Robson, the Manchester United captain, yesterday denied he would leave at the end of the season. Injured Robson has yet to be offered a new contract. His testimonial game tonight is expected to yield more than £75,000.

TheFormer Peterborough United manager, Mark Lawrenson, was fined £150 by an FA disciplinary commission at Lancaster Gate yesterday.

Council's ground for complaint

BIRMINGHAM City Council last night accused Birmingham City Football Club of "needlessly raising people's expectations" over reports of a planned £35 million super-stadium (Chris Moore writes).

Brian Bird, chairman of the leisure committee, said: "There has not even been any serious talk between the two bodies and I am getting tired of Birmingham City releasing imformation when they have not spoken to the council."

According to Samesh Kumar, the Birmingham City chairman, plans are afoot to build a 50,000-seat stadium on the St Andrew's site.

● John Gayle, the Wimbledon forward, is expected to sign for Birmingham today.

Millwall loss, page 22

Politics shall not divide good people of cricket

HENRY KELLY, Lord's Taverner No .1425, on the sporting background to the Conservative Party leadership contest.

HONORARY Lady Taverner No. 1 is today probably pleased with gentleman Taverner No. 2381 but almost certainly feels that gentleman Taverner No. 907 should be sent at once from the field. Meanwhile, she can at least look for continuing support from Taverner No. 1188 since she's married to him; and the least any mother has a right to expect is that when the bowling gets really rough, a son will help her out: stand up and be counted at once, Taverner No. 1212. But how many of the rest of these cricketing and charity-working gentlemen can the Prime Minister look to for support in the field?

A flick through the pages of the official handbook of the Lord's Taverners will reveal all. You see, LT No. 2381 is one John Major, Chancellor of the Exchequer and one of Mrs Thatcher's main supporters. But No. 907, Sir Neil Macfarlane, has not only dropped the allegiance he showed to her in 1975, when he helped her campaign against the then leader, but he has gone so far as to propose the opposite, the non-Taverner, Michael Heseltine. Could it be Sir Neil has been finally influenced this way by Honorary gentleman Taverner, No. 2060, one Edward Heath?

And who is this I see elbowing photographers out of Mr Heseltine's way as he makes for his chauffeur-driven car each morning from his London home? Why, if it isn't Lord's Taverner No. 1078, one of the great cricket-playing Members of Parliament, Michael Mates.

Now, the Lord's Taverners are, as No. 1188 (husband) would almost certainly agree, a decent set of coves, not against the occasional tincture. And as they skip around Britain and the world playing cricket to the best of their varying abilities, they manage to raise a £1 million a year for charities, handicapped children and the general encouragement of the playing of the game of cricket. And now? Well, fresh from seeing HLT No. 1 get more free publicity for the game with her cricketing metaphors in and outside the House of Commons, the lads in the dressing-room are, quite frankly, a bit divided.

I mean to say, what's a chap to do next season if he finds LT No. 1078 (Mates) with his trousers on the peg beside him in the dressing-room and LT No. 2381 (Major) insisting on a private spot in a nearby field in which to change into his whites? And will LT No. 840, the lovable Sir Michael Marshall from Arundel, who boasts not a single trade unionist voter in his constituency, still be talking to LT No. 998, Sir Hector Monro, once dismissed from office by HLT No. 1?

And what of the long-suffering, much-enduring, and some would say almost divine in an Odyssean way, LT No. 857, Nick Scott, the Social Security Minister? What if he and LT No. 429, Sir Eldon Griffiths, were to end up on opposite sides? Where would all this leave LT No. 1642, Sir Hal Killer? In truth we could all be well and truly stumped or run out.

Lord's Taverners are fair and honest cricketers, so there will be few if any no-balls, no fiddling with one or other side of the ballot boxes in the Whips' office to swing the election result and certainly no Gatting of the umpires. Fingers will remain unwagged, through sledging has already started and may, such is the state of the modern game, continue until stumps. (*Gatting*, participle of verb, trans *to Gatt*: to wag your finger at the umpire; see also under Pakistan).

So this morning as we search our cricketing souls and the vote-stealers flicker to and fro let us remain steadfast in our resolve that the game of cricket shall not suffer either from its recent hijack into politics or its potential to divide good men and true. As we ponder these weighty matters of state, hark, what sound of laughter can that be in all this sorry mess? Why, it's the raised cheers of delight from Honorary Lord's Taverner, No. 2114, from LT No. 1669 and LT No. 1173. Because you see these good cricketing men and true are, respectively, Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, Roy Hattersley and Denis Howell.

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RUGBY UNION

Winterbottom steps into Pegler's place for London division

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

LONDON emerged yesterday with an effective answer to the loss, through injury, of David Pegler, who led them to the divisional championship last season. When they open their defence of the ADT championship against the North on December 1 the open-side flanker will be Peter Winterbottom, hitherto a bulwark of the North's back row.

Winterbottom, who won his 38th cap against Argentina this month, has followed the same road south as that pursued last season by Rob Andrew, who takes over the mantle of London captaincy from Pegler, Will Carling and John Buckton. Although he was based in London last season Winterbottom continued to represent the North, the division he helped to the championship in 1986 and 1987.

"I just could not take any more time off work," he said. "I already have to take unpaid leave to fulfil all my commitments with Harlequins and England. I can train with London without taking time off, whereas travelling to the north every Monday and Friday would have played havoc with my work arrangements.

"It is a wrench because I have played for the North since the start of the divisionals. I have already missed their first two sessions and had to admit I couldn't give them the commitment they deserve."

It will be a bitter blow for the North whose team, which Winterbottom, a London broker, captained in 1988, is expected to be named today.

London division

TEAM: S Pilgrim (Wasps); A Harriman (Harlequins), W Carling (Harlequins), D Hopley (Wasps), E Davis (Harlequins); R Andrew (Wasps, captain), C Luxton (Harlequins); J Leonard (Harlequins), B Moore (Harlequins), J Probyn (Wasps), M Skinner (Harlequins), P Ackford (Harlequins), S Dear (Rosslyn Park), P Winterbottom (Harlequins), D Ryan (Wasps). Replacements: J Buckton (Saracens), H Davies (Wasps), R Glenister (Harlequins), S Davies (Rosslyn Park), G Holmes (Wasps), B Clarke (Saracens).

London, sponsored this season for a five-figure sum by Texaco, offer a much-changed side from that which claimdlast season's title. Only Probyn and Skinner survive in the pack where the major acquisition is Brian Moore, who formerly represented the Midlands.

Moore for John Olver, though, is part of the tit-for-tat in which these two hookers are engaged. When Moore left Nottingham for Harlequins last summer and Olver left Harlequins for Northampton the divisional switch was obvious and it seems reasonable to assume that Olver, preferred by England at the moment ahead of Moore, will be named today in the Midland XV to play the South and South-West on December 1.

Damian Hopley, the promising Wasps centre, makes his first London appearance but injuries have deprived the selectors of Clough (centre), Bates (scrum half) and Pegler. Edwards and O'Leary, the two locks, have only just resumed first-team rugby for their respective clubs, but even so Simon Dear would have been among the front runners for a place, given Rosslyn Park's admirable form.

Indeed the Park will be dismayed to have no more than two divisional representatives — the other is Stuart Davies, the England under-21 hooker; Richard Moon, whose captaincy has had such a galvanising effect at Roehampton, is overlooked at scrum half where two Harlequins, Luxton and Glenister, are in the match squad.

● Wade Dooley, the Preston Grasshoppers and England lock, faces a minor operation today on a knee but Andy Blackmore, Bristol's injury-prone lock, is likely to miss the rest of the season because of a damaged shoulder.

● Rodolfo Etchegoyen, who played for the Pumas at No. 8 against the Barbarians, will play for Major R V Stanley's XV against Oxford University tomorrow. Daniel Poet, the prop who joined the Argentinians as a late replacement but did not play, will be on the bench for Stanley's.

● A Soviet Union B team begins a three-match visit to England today against Somerset at Bath. Vladimir Negodin, the flanker from Krasnoiarsk who played against England B for the Soviet senior side last December, will captain the party on a tour sponsored by Global Gas.

Somerset, whose county championship begins against Eastern Counties at Taunton on December 1, will be led by Mick Reece, the Bristol and Combined Services flanker. They have omitted players from Clifton, who meet Harlequins on Saturday in the Pilkington Cup.

ITINERARY: November 20: v Somerset (Bath, 7.15); 22: v Dorset and Wilts (Bournemouth, 7.0); 28: v Gloucestershire (Cheltenham, 2.30).

GOLF

On the ball: Lopez celebrates after beating Nicholas in final round of Solheim Cup

Europe ready to turn tables

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

THE United States entered the inaugural Solheim Cup as overwhelming favourites, they played like overwhelming favourites and they won like overwhelming favourites. Even so, Europe, in spite of losing 11½-4½, emerged with credit.

Kathy Whitworth, the US captain, and Nancy Lopez, a golfer of outstanding ability, share the belief that in another two years, Europe, on home soil, will be a force with which to be reckoned. "The basic difference between the two teams was experience," Whitworth said. "We have four mega-stars in Pat Bradley, Beth Daniel, Betsy King and Lopez and I had the best team in the world. I felt for the Europeans, although I know they will learn from what happened here. It will be a very hard-fought contest in 1992."

Mickey Walker, the European captain, was proud of her team. "The eight players here will be the nucleus of the 1992 team and I think we can learn much more in those two years. We've come out of this match with a lot of credibility and the Americans now realise that there are a lot of great players in Europe.

"The mood shared by all after the match was that it will be a different story in 1992. The players now realise that the Americans are not superhumans. We drove the ball up with them. We hit the ball inside them on the greens. On so many occasions they were outside us but they made their putts and we missed ours. We must improve our putting."

The European golfers were outclassed on the greens. It is not their fault that for much of the year they play on inconsistent greens compared with those prepared in the United States. "We go from shag-pile surfaces one week to slick seaside greens the next," Walker said. For the moment, though, the players must accept the situation and work on their putting.

Joe Flanagan, the industrious executive director of the Women Professional Golfers' European team, said: "I am tremendously pleased with the performance we gave him and with the character of the players. "But the girls have got to work at their games much harder than they do. They will kill me for saying so, but they are the ones who will benefit at the end of the day."

What Flanagan recognises is that the Solheim Cup could be the launching pad to provide the European circuit with the incentive it needs. His words were not so much aimed at those players who won places in the side but at those who did not. He is aware that it will be easier to sell the tour to sponsors and the public if the supporting cast improve their act.

"Right now we are not as good as the Americans and we don't have their strength in depth," Flanagan said. "We have to do all we can to improve the standard of our tour. It was a gamble for us to agree that the time was right for a women's Ryder Cup match. It's paid off and we can look to a bright future."

The Solheim Cup has been underwritten by the manufacturers of Ping clubs for the next 20 years. In 1992 it will almost certainly be played in the London area.

Walker is prepared to captain the team again and it is likely that will be the case. She, however, would like to see the number of players on each side increased from eight to ten and the format changed. The most favoured is four fourball matches, four foursomes and ten singles.

Dale Reid, who won her singles, was positive: "I don't reckon we can win in 1992," Reid said. "I'm sure we will win."

A surfeit of action and plenty of noise from Withe

By HENRY KELLY

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

HONEST, even though I spent the weekend in Scotland on the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, I promise I never watched so much sport on television as I did in the last three days.

Those who think there is far too much sport on television would have felt vindicated at about tea-time on Sunday when BBC1 was showing football, BBC2 was showing rugby, ITV in Scotland was showing football and BSB sports channel was showing football. I must admit I was delighted with it all and, though I started off with mixed feelings about BSB's coverage of Italian football, I found myself following the fortunes of AC Milan and Internazionale as if I cared who won.

The highlight of the weekend which helps to banish the memory of the rather dreary mid-week draw in Dublin between England and the Republic of Ireland was undoubtedly the first round proper of the FA Cup, where the little guys get a chance of glory. It was marvellous stuff and it would have made having the BSB sports channel worthwhile just to see the crowds at Aylesbury on Saturday and Altrincham on Sunday thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There they were, between them on the two days having only 6,500 spectators in their tiny grounds, and yet the sheer delight on the faces of the youngsters was evidence that it is still possible for Dads in caps and mufflers to bring their boys and girls to a game of football on a weekend afternoon and have fun.

There was, of course, on Sunday afternoon also the enduring sight of Huddersfield Town's manager, Peter Withe — the last really bustling centre forward to play for England — shouting his head off at his team as if they had been transferred from sleepy little Altrincham to AC Milan's ground in Italy. Withe and his team play Blackpool in the next round at Huddersfield, but if there are any Lancashire supporters who can not make it on the day, they should just hang around Blackpool tower and they'll probably be able to hear Peter telling them how the game is going.

The other end of sport was, I suppose, what some people called tennis, but to me looks like table tennis on a big blue board. Andre Agassi eventually beat Stefan Edberg in the ATP finals in Frankfurt, Boris Becker did not turn up for a press conference and the crowd at the final was not certain who to cheer for. It was all like a torture scene from a James Bond movie: "You see, Mr Bond, these two are playing each other for their lives. Whoever loses, I press this lever, and they disappear through the blue floorboards. Quite clever, eh, Mr Bond? Just one of my little games." If they had disappeared through a hole in the floor, it would not have been a moment too soon for me.

And what on earth is this obsession in television sport with statistics. Every time one of the players served, the screen would tell us what speed he hits the first one, what speed he hits the second one, what the average number of times is he gets the first one in and the average number of times he gets the second one in and so on and so on and so on. Indeed, by the time we got to the big fight on ITV on Sunday, I was half expecting to be told on screen what speed Nigel Benn hits people at or whether Chris Eubank had a faster uppercut or left hook.

I continue to have mixed feeling about boxing. Good, decent men that I number among my friends have earned their living from boxing and it is not for me to be moral about it, but I winced a few times on Sunday as two superbly fit and skilled men tried their best to hurt each other and crowds of other men were standing on their feet urging both participants to greater effort. Is there any significance in the fact that both fighters were black while the majority of the audience appeared to be white? I leave that question to the sociologists. I simply feel entitled to wonder about it.

We got a glimpse of cricket on BSB and it was enough to make me choke on my supper as Atherton, Larkins and Gower were all out to simple catches, given because all three of them had lifted their bats along a line between mid-wicket and second slip. If you play cricket against men, you should play like men, not like schoolboys. Indeed, any schoolboy who had played in the above fashion would have been dropped for a match at my school. I dread the coming Test matches.

As usual, the weekend had its share of memorable quotes. The best came from Reg Gutteridge, who remarked before the Benn v Eubank fight as the pre-bout razzmatazz was going on and the announcements were being made: "The way they're talking, the fight might be shorter than the preliminaries." Under the heading of "I wish I hadn't said that" was the commentator on BSB who remarked on Sunday afternoon, after Roberts had scored for Huddersfield: "Well, he's the man with fancy phone and the fancy car, but he still plays like a labourer."

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Big three drift into decline

By KEITH BLACKMORE

THE changing of the guard in Spain, Italy and West Germany continued at the weekend, with three of the established powers drifting further from the top of their respective divisions.

Nowhere was the decline more evident than in Spain, where Real Madrid's slump to sixth place put John Toshack's job as coach in more jeopardy than ever.

The 2-1 defeat by Valencia left the champions for the last five years five points behind Barcelona, the leaders, who made light of the loss of Ronald Koeman, with a long-term injury, and the failure to buy Jan Molby from Liverpool, with a 6-0 win against Castellon in which Hristo Stoichkov, of Bulgaria, scored three times before half-time.

The fall of Naples has been, if anything, more precipitate. Last year, they won the championship for the second time in four years, having captured the Uefa Cup in between. But the 4-1 defeat at home by Sampdoria, the leaders, leaves them only three points above the relegation zone.

Naples, strengthened by one of the increasingly infrequent appearances of Maradona, took the lead in the 41st minute through Incocciati but it was downhill from there, Vialli and Mancini each scoring twice for Sampdoria.

Juventus kept pace by beating Roma 5-0 with Schillaci scoring three times. Internazionale moved into third place, winning the Milan derby with a goal by Berti.

Bayern Munich, the champions of West Germany, are also having domestic difficulties. Their draw with Hertha Berlin left them three points behind the leaders, Werder Bremen, who defeated Karlsruhe 2-0.

Sporting Lisbon, who lost their 100 per cent record in Portugal when they drew in midweek, retained their place at the top by beating Tirsense 1-0 on Sunday, but other matters drew more attention. Six players were sent off and 35 booked in nine first division matches. Worse, a referee was struck by an object thrown from the crowd at the match between Farense and Porto.

OVERSEAS RESULTS

AFRICAN NATIONS CUP: Group two qualifier: Tunisia 2, Ethiopia 0.

AUSTRIAN: Austria Salzburg 2, Rapid Vienna 0; DSV Alpine 0, Sturm Graz 2; FC Vienna 3, VSE St Pölten 1; Kremser BK 0, Wiener SK 1; Austria Vienna 4, Vorwärts Steyr 1; FC Swarovski Tyrol 0, Admira Wacker 0. Leading standings: 1, FC Swarovski Tyrol, 28pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 27; 3, Rapid Vienna, 25.

BELGIAN: FC Liège 2, Lokeren 2; Kortrijk 2, Molenbeek 0; Ekeren 2, Beerschot 0; Antwerp 6, Genk 2; Ghent 2, Mechelen 1; Anderlecht 4, Waregem 0; Lierse 0, Standard Liège 0; Club Bruges 3, Charleroi 0; St Truiden 0, Cercle Bruges 1. Leading positions (after 14 matches): 1, Ghent, 24pts; 2, Anderlecht, 21; 3, Club Bruges, 20.

BRAZILIAN: Second phase: Group A: Vasco da Gama 2, Santos 2; Bahia 2, Atlético Mineiro 0; Botafogo 1, Bragantino 2; Corinthians 0, Internacional/Rio Grande do Sul 3; Portuguesa 2, Goias 0. Group B: Grêmio 0, Palmeiras 0; Cruzeiro Mineiro 2, Vitória 1; São José 0, Flamengo 3; Nautico 1, São Paulo 1; Internacional/São Paulo 0, Fluminense 1. Leading positions (overall pts in brackets): Group A: 1, Santos, 11pts (22); 2, Bahia, 11 (22); 3, Vasco da Gama, 10 (18). Group B: 1, Palmeiras, 15 (21); 2, São Paulo, 13 (22); 3, Flamengo, 12 (20). Santos, Palmeiras, Atlético Mineiro, Grêmio, São Paulo, Corinthians, Bragantino, Bahia qualify for quarter-finals. Vitória and Internacional/São Paulo relegated to second division. Vitória deducted 5pts for fielding ineligible player.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Sigma Olomouc 3, Bohemians Prague 0; Slovan Bratislava 4, Zbrojovka Brno 2; Slavia Prague 2, Inter Bratislava 1; DAC Dunajska Streda 4, Union Cheb 2; FC Nitra 3, TJ Vitkovice 2; Banik Ostrava 2, Dukla Banska Bystrica 1. Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Slovan Bratislava, 17pts; 2, Union Cheb, 16; 3, Dukla Banska Bystrica, 14.

DUTCH: Sparta Rotterdam 0, Maastricht 0. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, PSV Eindhoven, 18pts; 2, Ajax, 18; 3, FC Groningen, 15.

HUNGARIAN: Ferencváros 4, Békéscsaba 0; Honved 1, Vasas Budapest 1; Siofok 1, Vac 0; Ujpest Dozsa 1, Veszprem FC 0; Pecsi Munkas 2, MTK VM Budapest 2; Szeged SC 1, Videoton 0; Debrecen 2, Raba ETO Gyor 0; Tatabanya 2, Volan Budapest 1. Leading positions: 1, Vac, played 14, 22pts; 2, Ferencváros, 14, 20; 3, Honved, 13, 20.

ITALIAN: Bologna 3, Bari 0; Cagliari 1, Fiorentina 1; Genoa 0, Torino 0; Juventus 5, AS Roma 0; Lazio 2, Atalanta 2; Lecce 2, Cesena 0; AC Milan 0, Internazionale 1; Naples 1, Sampdoria 4; Pisa 0, Parma 2. Leading positions: 1, Sampdoria, 15pts; 2, Juventus, 14; 3, Internazionale, 13.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork City 1, Dundalk 1; Derry City 1, Limerick City 0; Galway United 0, Athlone Town 2; St Patrick's Athletic 2, Bohemians 0; Shamrock Rovers 2, Shelbourne 3; Waterford United 0, Sligo Rovers 1. Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Cork City, 19pts; 2, St Patrick's Athletic, 18; 3, Shelbourne 17.

POLISH: Gornik Zabrze 0, Lech Poznan 1; Olimpia Poznan 4, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 3; Ruch Chorzow 1, Hutnik Krakow 1; Slask Wroclaw 2, Igloopol Debica 1; Zaglebie Lubin 2, LKS Lodz 1; Legia Warsaw 0, GKS Katowice 2; Wisla Krakow 3, Stal Mielec 0. Leading positions (after 15 matches): 1, GKS Katowice, 23pts; 2, Hutnik Krakow, 21; 3, Zaglebie Lubin, 21.

PORTUGUESE: Beira Mar 1, Famalicao 0; Benfica 1, Chaves 0; Boavista 1, Belenenses 0; Farense 0, Porto 1; Gil Vicente 1, Vitória Setubal 0; Vitória Guimarães 3, Nacional Madeira 1; Maritimo 0, Sporting Braga 1; Penafiel 3, Uniao Madeira 0; Salgueiros 2, Estrela da Amadora 1; Sporting Lisbon 1, Tirsense 0. Leading positions (after 13 matches): 1, Sporting Lisbon, 25pts; 2, Porto, 24; 3, Benfica, 23.

ROMANIAN: Farul Constanta 3, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Universitatea Craiova 4, Arges Pitesti 0; Bihor 0, Politehnica Timisoara 1; Progresul Braila 4, Jiul Petrosani 1; FCM Brasov 2, Bacau 0; Gloria Bistrita 1, Dinamo Bucharest 1; Universitatea Cluj 0, Rapid Bucharest 0; Steaua Bucharest 3, Inter Sibiu 1; Sportul Studentesc 1, Corvinul Hunedoara 1. Leading positions (after 14 matches): 1, Universitatea Craiova, 21pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 20; 3, Dynamo Bucharest, 19.

SPANISH: Valencia 2, Real Madrid 1; Barcelona 6, Castellón 0; Atlético Madrid 1, Sevilla 0; Sporting Gijón 1, Real Mallorca 1; Osasuna 1, Real Zaragoza 0; Athletic Bilbao 1, Cadiz 0; Tenerife 2, Real Sociedad 0; Real Valladolid 0, Logroñés 0; Real Betis 1, Real Oviedo 1; Burgos 0, Espanol 0. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, Barcelona, 18pts; 2, Sevilla, 15; 3, Logroñés, 15.

SWISS: FC Aarau 0, Grasshoppers 2; Neuchâtel Xamax 5, Lausanne 1; St Gallen 0, Lucerne 1; FC Sion 3, Lugano 0; FC Zurich 2, Wettingen 4; Servette 3, Young Boys Berne 0. Leading positions (after 18 matches): 1, FC Sion, 24pts; 2, Lausanne, 23; 3, Grasshoppers, 22.

TURKISH: Galatasaray 2, Genclerbirligi 0; Boluspor 1, Karsiyakaspor 4; Fenerbahce 2, Adanaspor 0; Gaziantep 0, Bakirkoy 1; Aydin 1, Bursaspor 0; Zeytinburnu 1, Trabzonspor 3; Konyaspor 1, Sariyerspor 0; Ankaragucu 2, Besiktas 2. Leading positions (after 11 matches): 1, Galatasaray, 26pts; 2, Besiktas, 23; 3, Trabzonspor, 22.

WEST GERMAN: Fortuna Düsseldorf 2, Wattenscheid 1; Borussia Dortmund 0, FC Nuremberg 2; FC Cologne 2, FC St Pauli 0; Werder Bremen 2, SC Karlsruhe 0; Hertha Berlin 0, Bayern Munich 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Bayer Uerdingen 0; SV Hamburg 3, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, VfB Stuttgart 0; VfL Bochum 0, FC Kaiserslautern 2. Leading positions (after 14 matches): 1, Werder Bremen, 20pts; 2, FC Kaiserslautern, 18; 3, Bayern Munich, 18.

YUGOSLAVIAN: Vojvodina Novi Sad 0, Hajduk Split 2; Spartak Subotica 1, Sarajevo 1 (Sarajevo won 5-3 on pens); Sloboda Tuzla 0, Osijek 5; Proleter Zrenjanin 2, Zemun 0; Radnicki Nis 0, Partizan Belgrade 3; Zeljeznicar 1, Borac Banja Luka 1 (Zeljeznicar won 6-5 on penalties); Buducnost Titograd 2, Velez Mostar 3; Red Star Belgrade 3, Dynamo Zagreb 1; Olimpija Ljubljana 2, Rijeka 1. Leading positions: 1, Red Star Belgrade, played 13, 22pts; 2, Radnicki Nis, 14, 18; 3, Velez Mostar, 13, 15.

FOOTBALL

Live Sunday screening makes history

By LOUISE TAYLOR

COLCHESTER United will be party to a footballing first when their home FA Cup second round tie with Leyton Orient, of the third division, is televised live by BSB on Sunday, December 9 with an 8pm kick-off. It will be the first senior game in England to be staged on a Sunday night, and Colchester — relegated from the fourth divison last season, but riding high in the GM Vauxhall Conference — are to make the Layer Road match all ticket.

Littlehampton Town profited by approximately £8,000 from last their FA Cup first round 4-0 defeat by Northampton Town on Saturday. The Sussex County League club, which attracted a crowd of 4,000 for the biggest game in their 94-year history, will be able to modernise their stand, and pay off a loan on their floodlights.

Bradford City's first round FA Cup replay at Shrewsbury Town has been put back 24 hours to tomorrow night. Stoke City's replay with non-League Telford, at the Victoria Ground on the same night, will kick-off at 7.45 and be televised by BSB.

● Alan Roberts, aged 25, of Lincoln City, has had to retire because of a knee injury.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Giants and 49ers on course

By ROBERT KIRLEY

THE New York Giants and the San Francisco 49ers remained undefeated against flimsy opposition in the National Football League on Sunday. The Giants play at Philadelphia next week, then travel to San Francisco for a game that has been hyped since October 7, when the Giants and the 49ers became the only unbeaten teams. The 49ers host the Los Angeles Rams next week.

Phil Simms completed first-half scoring passes to Stephen Baker (33 yards) and Mark Ingram (57 yards) as the Giants beat Detroit 20-0. Matt Bahr kicked field goals of 33 and 24 yards before half-time and the top-rated Simms hit 13 of 18 for 170 yards and no interceptions as New York coasted to their first shutout of the season.

New York host Buffalo on December 15 in a game that could offer competition similar to that of San Francisco v the Giants. Thurman Thomas carried for scores of five and 80 yards as Buffalo won their eighth game in a row by beating dismal New England 14-0.

San Francisco became the third team to win 18 successive games over two seasons in a 31-7 triumph over Tampa Bay. Joe Montana became the first player to pass for 3,000 yards in seven consecutive campaigns.

Chicago beat Denver 16-13 in overtime on a 44-yard field goal by Kevin Butler, who had missed a 41-yarder at the end of regulation. Mark Rypien fired four touchdown passes as Washington beat New Orleans 31-17.

Randall Cunningham passed for three scores and Roger Ruzek nailed a 46-yard field goal in the last moments as Philadelphia beat Atlanta 24-23. Warren Moon passed for 322 yards and five touchdowns as Houston eclipsed Cleveland 35-23. Moon exceeded 300 yards for the third game in a row.

Kansas City beat San Diego 27-10 as Steve DeBerg hit J. J. Birden for a 90-yard touchdown pass and added two short scoring tosses to Bill Jones. Barney Bussey recovered a fumble and dashed 70 yards for a touchdown to spark Cincinnati to a 27-3 win over Pittsburgh.

RESULTS AND TABLES

SUNDAY: NY Giants 20, Detroit 0; Buffalo 14, New England 0; Washington 31, New Orleans 17; Houston 35, Cleveland 23; Philadelphia 24, Atlanta 23; Kansas City 27, San Diego 10; Indianapolis 17, NY Jets 14; Green Bay 24, Phoenix 21; Minnesota 24, Seattle 21; San Francisco 31, Tampa Bay 7; Chicago 16, Denver 13 (OT); Dallas 24, LA Rams 21; Cincinnati 27, Pittsburgh 3.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	9	1	0	266	150
Miami Dolphins	8	1	0	192	98
Indianapolis Colts	4	6	0	142	210
New York Jets	4	7	0	182	238
New England Patriots	1	9	0	130	271
Central division					
Cincinnati Bengals	6	4	0	239	228
Pittsburgh Steelers	5	5	0	174	174
Houston Oilers	5	5	0	229	192
Cleveland Browns	2	8	0	161	270
West division					
Los Angeles Raiders	6	3	0	170	137
Kansas City Chiefs	6	4	0	219	148
San Diego Chargers	5	6	0	224	190
Seattle Seahawks	4	6	0	196	206
Denver Broncos	3	7	0	210	240

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Giants	10	0	0	248	110
Philadelphia Eagles	6	4	0	251	209
Washington Redskins	6	4	0	230	186
Dallas Cowboys	4	7	0	149	225
Phoenix Cardinals	2	8	0	138	264
Central division					
Chicago Bears	9	1	0	245	139
Green Bay Packers	5	5	0	200	217
Minnesota Vikings	4	6	0	218	209
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	7	0	177	274
Detroit Lions	3	7	0	213	257
West division					
San Francisco 49ers	10	0	0	253	151
New Orleans Saints	4	6	0	188	195
Atlanta Falcons	3	7	0	255	275
Los Angeles Rams	3	7	0	219	282

● Does not include last night's game: LA Raiders at Miami.

FIXTURES: Thursday: Denver at Detroit; Washington at Dallas. Sunday: Atlanta at New Orleans; Chicago at Minnesota; Indianapolis at Cincinnati; Miami at Cleveland; NY Giants at Philadelphia; Tampa Bay v Green Bay (at Milwaukee); Pittsburgh at NY Jets; New England at Phoenix; Kansas City at LA Raiders; LA Rams at San Francisco; Seattle at San Diego. Monday: Buffalo at Houston.

IN BRIEF

Mansell at Williams

NIGEL Mansell reunites with Williams Grand Prix Engineering, the Formula One motor racing team, in a test drive at Estoril, Portugal, today.

The British driver, who left Ferrari at the end of the 1990 season, yesterday ran the rule over five grand prix hopefuls at Donington Park.

TABLE TENNIS: Sally Marling, aged 14, will today become the youngest player to represent England in the European League when she plays against Netherlands in Groningen.

REAL TENNIS: Andrew Page and Martin Fairbarns won the Conrad Construction Open handicap doubles championship at Leamington yesterday.

YACHTING: Robert Hooke, the last of 21 competitors to complete the first stage of the BOC single-handed round the world race, arrived in Cape Town yesterday after 64 days.

ATHLETICS: A three-man panel of The Athletics Congress has recommended that Larry Myricks, the long jumper who was suspended for life after three positive tests for a stimulant, be reinstated in April.

BOWLS: New Zealand beat the United Kingdom in the third international at Pakuranga yesterday, to win the series 2-1.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

NORTH SHIELDS: Clive Cookson Cup 5-mile road race: Men: B Rushworth (Sunderland), 24min 25sec. Team: Sunderland. Women (2.5 miles): K Wade (Blaydon), 13:35.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Utah Jazz 103, Minnesota Timberwolves 94; Los Angeles Clippers 78, Seattle SuperSonics 65; Portland Trail Blazers 125, Chicago Bulls 112; Los Angeles Lakers 115, Golden State Warriors 93.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	7	2	.778	—
New York Knicks	6	3	.667	1
Philadelphia 76ers	5	4	.556	2
Miami Heat	3	5	.375	3½
Washington Bullets	2	6	.250	4½
New Jersey Nets	2	7	.222	5
Central division				
Detroit Pistons	6	2	.750	—
Milwaukee Bucks	6	3	.667	½
Cleveland Cavaliers	6	4	.600	1
Chicago Bulls	5	5	.500	2
Charlotte Hornets	5	5	.500	2
Atlanta Hawks	4	5	.444	2½
Indiana Pacers	4	5	.444	2½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	5	2	.714	—
Dallas Mavericks	5	3	.625	½
Houston Rockets	5	4	.556	1
Utah Jazz	3	5	.375	2½
Minnesota Timberwolves	3	6	.333	3
Orlando Magic	3	6	.333	3
Denver Nuggets	1	8	.111	5
Pacific division				
Portland Trail Blazers	9	0	1.000	—
Golden State Warriors	7	2	.778	2
Phoenix Suns	5	3	.625	3½
Los Angeles Clippers	4	5	.444	5
Seattle Supersonics	3	4	.429	5
Los Angeles Lakers	2	5	.286	5
Sacramento Kings	0	6	.000	7½

RUGBY LEAGUE

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Carlisle 8, Batley 30; Fulham 22, Swinton 6; Hunslet 28, Whitehaven 14; Workington 24, Ryedale York 14.

BOWLS

PAKURANGA: Third international match: New Zealand bt United Kingdom (New Zealand names first): Men's singles: G Lawson 25, J N Bell 21; R Brassey 25, J G Baker 7; D O'Connor 12, G A Smith 25; T Scott 22, H H Duff 25. Men's pairs: Lawson and Scott 12, Smith and Baker 21; Brassey and O'Connor 27, Duff and Bell 17. Men's fours: New Zealand 27, United Kingdom 20. Women's singles: M Watson 25, S Gourlay 18; M Khan 21, M Johnston 25; A Lambert 25, J Ackland 20; J Howat 25, M Price 18. Women's pairs: Khan and Lambert 11, Gourlay and Price 28; Watson and Howat 22, Ackland and Johnston 24. Women's fours: New Zealand 18, United Kingdom 17. Mixed pairs: Watson and Scott 12, Gourlay and Bell 28; Lawson and Howat 21, Duff and Price 19; Khan and O'Connor 20, Ackland and Baker 21; Brassey and Lambert 23, Smith and Johnston 13.

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Noel Bruce public school old boys championship: Semi-finals: Eton (W Boone and M Hue Williams) bt Malvern (M and P Nichols), 15-5, 15-0, 15-4, 17-14; Harrow (C Hue Williams and J Prenn) bt Haileybury (R Wakely and R Ellis), 15-5, 15-15, 15-11, 15-17. Final: Eton bt Harrow, 15-12, 15-3, 2-15, 15-3, 15-5.

CLIFTON COLLEGE: Gloucestershire CCC invitation doubles championship: Semi-finals: A Windows and N Cooper bt K Cook and R Trafford, 15-7, 15-9, 15-6; S Hazell and R Stack bt A and S Scott, 15-6, 15-2, 11-15, 7-15, 15-10. Final: Hazell and Stack bt Cooper and Windows, 15-9, 11-15, 15-12, 12-15, 15-12.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Eton (J Larken and A Mordaunt) bt Marlborough (S Gidoomal and T Stewart-Liberty), 15-4, 15-6, 8-15, 15-7, 15-8.

CRICKET

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Junction Oval, Melbourne: New South Wales 178 and 280 (S R Waugh 53; M G Hughes 4-79, D Fleming 4-89); Victoria 485. Victoria won by an innings and 28 runs. Adelaide: South Australia 199 and 318 (P Nobes 77, D Hookes 64; B Reid 5-84); Western Australia 392 and 156-6 (M McPhee 51). Western Australia won by 4 wickets.

CRADLEY HEATH: British Open indoor championship: Final: Wellingborough bt Bankers (Birmingham) by 1 run. Women's final: Wolverhampton bt Rochdale by 73 runs.

FOOTBALL

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Millwall 1, Ipswich 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Trophy: Third round replay: Harlow 0, South-East Sussex 2; Oldham 1, South Cheshire 2. English Adidas under-19 trophy: Greater Manchester 2, Lancashire 2. English Eagles Trophy: Second round: Brighton 1, North Sussex 4; Gravesham 0, Bromley 0; St Augustines Canterbury 2, Maidstone 1; Merton 6, Medway 1. London Corinthian Shield: Croydon 2, South London 2; West London 1, Barking 2. Welsh Schools Shield: Aberconwy 0, Wrexham 4. Welsh Glynwood Shield: Cardiff 2, Newport 1.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Trinidad and Tobago 0, United States 0.

GOLF

THOUSAND OAKS, California: RMCC charity tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 192: F Couples and R Floyd, 64, 67, 61. 187: P Jacobsen and A Palmer, 61, 66, 60. 190: M Calcavecchia and I Baker-Finch (Aus), 65, 62, 63; C Strange and M O'Meara, 59, 69, 62; B Crenshaw and L Wadkins, 63, 68, 59. 193: W Levi and H Irwin, 64, 65, 64. 194: A Bean and B Lietzke, 66, 70, 58. 196: G Morgan and T Weiskopf, 69, 63, 64. 197: G Norman (Aus) and J Nicklaus, 65, 70, 62. 201: J Mahaffey and C Rodriguez (P Rico), 67, 68, 66.

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), 19.37pts avge; 2, N Faldo (GB), 18.44; 3, J-M Olazábal (Sp), 16.90; 4, I Woosnam (GB), 15.15; 5, P Stewart, 12.75; 6, P Azinger 11.63; 7, M Calcavecchia 10.46; 8, T Kite 10.10; 9, S Ballesteros (Sp), 10.04; 10, M McNulty (Zim), 9.96.

HOCKEY

NATWEST WOMEN'S COUNTY TROPHY: North: Cheshire 3, Northumberland 0; Durham 0, Lancashire 3; Cumbria 0, Sheffield League 2; Manchester League 0, Yorkshire 7; Lancashire Central League 1, Humberside 1. Midlands: Leicestershire 4, Nottinghamshire 0; Northamptonshire 2, Derbyshire 3; Staffordshire 7, Worcestershire 0; Leicestershire 1, Warwickshire 1; Northamptonshire 1, Shropshire 0. East: Hertfordshire 6, Lincolnshire 0; Suffolk 4, Norfolk 2; Hertfordshire 0, Kent 1; Essex 0, Kent 1. West: Cornwall 0, Dorset 3; Herefordshire 1, Somerset 1; Devon 2, Avon 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 3, Philadelphia Flyers 1; Edmonton Oilers 3, New York Islanders 1; Winnipeg Jets 4, St Louis Blues 5.

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick division	W	L	D	Pts
New York Rangers	15	6	2	32
New Jersey Devils	12	9	1	25
Philadelphia Flyers	12	10	1	25
Pittsburgh Penguins	10	8	2	22
Washington Capitals	10	12	0	20
New York Islanders	8	12	0	16
Adams division				
Boston Bruins	11	6	4	26
Montreal Canadiens	10	9	3	23
Buffalo Sabres	7	8	5	19
Hartford Whalers	8	9	3	19
Quebec Nordiques	3	15	3	9

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

Norris division	W	L	D	Pts
Chicago Black Hawks	15	6	2	32
St Louis Blues	14	5	1	29
Detroit Red Wings	8	9	3	19
Minnesota North Stars	4	13	4	12
Toronto Maple Leafs	4	17	1	9
Smythe division				
Los Angeles Kings	14	4	1	29
Calgary Flames	12	8	2	26
Vancouver Canucks	10	10	0	20
Winnipeg Jets	8	12	2	18
Edmonton Oilers	5	11	2	12

MOTOR RALLYING

STAGES RALLIES: Falls (East Midlands): 1, M Wagstaff (Ford Escort), 21 mins 08 secs; 2, S Brew (VW Golf), 26:47; 3, O Cook (Ford Escort), 30:24. Harrison Allen (West Wales): 1, M Davies (Ford Escort), 53:28; 2, T Jenkins (Darrian), 53:52; 3, H Jenkins (Toyota Starlet), 54:34.

TENNIS

NEW YORK: Virginia Slims championship: Final: M Seles (Yug) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-4, 5-7, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

VAUXHALL WOMEN'S INDOOR TROPHY: Puma Sunderland 1, Topspin Darlington 2; Lincoln Indoor 0, Nottingham Breakpoint 3; Melton Mowbray 3, Edgbaston Priory 0; Harpenden 0, Puma Welwyn 3; Islington 3, David Lloyd Finchley 0; Queen's Club 3, Riverside Racquet Centre 0; Ealing 0, Chris Lane Woking 3.

ORIENTEERING

CAMBERLEY: British schools championships: Sixth Form Colleges: 1, Princess Marina, Arborfield, 23pts. Small secondary schools (fewer than 600 pupils): 1, Dame Allen's, Newcastle upon Tyne, 21pts; 2, Kingswood, Bath, 44; 3, Archbishop Holgate, York, 56. Large secondary schools (over 600 pupils): 1, Walton HS, Staffs, 37; 2, Nailsea, Bristol, 72; 3, Ulverston Victoria HS, Cumbria, 89. Primary: 1, Jesse Gray, Nottingham, 12; 2, Langdown Junior, Hythe, Southampton, 33; 3, St Peter's, Bristol, 55.

CYCLING

BORDEAUX: Six-day race (after five days): 1, G Duclos-Lassalle (Fr) and E de Wilde (Bel), 203pts; 2, P Lino (Fr) and A Doyle (GB), 60; 3, one lap behind, L Biondi (Fr) and P-A Bincoletto (It), 133; 4, two laps behind, M Meilleur (Fr) and V Diehl (Ger), 91; 5, three laps behind, C Krabov and M Gannew (USSR), 59.

TOUR OF MEXICO: Final stage (90km): 1, V Davidenko (USSR), 1hr 46min 56sec; 2, D Nelubina (USSR); 3, N Verhoeven (Neth); 4, A Novosad (Cz); 5, R Alcala (Mex), all same time. Overall: 1, Alcala, 54:06:49; 2, M Arroyo (Mex), 54:06:51; 3, H Palarroyo (Col), 54:07:45; 4, D Zhdanov (USSR), 54:08:46; 5, S Sardokichkin (USSR), 54:09:01.

POWERBOATING

PENANG: Formula One circuit world championship (eighth race of nine-race series): 1, A Elliott (GB), 8pts; 2, J Hill (GB), 6; 3, M Werner (Ger), 4; 4, C Bailey (Aus), 3; 5, F Bocca (It), 2; 6, P Duggan (GB), 1. Overall: equal 1, J Jones (GB) and Bocca, 18; 3, D Johnston (US), 16.5; equal 4, Elliott and Hill, 16; equal 6, G Cappellini (It) and P Lindenburg (GB), 13.

WEIGHTLIFTING

BUDAPEST: Super-heavyweight (over 110 kg): 1, L Taranenko (USSR), snatch 195kg, jerk 255, total 450; 2, A Akoev (USSR), 170, 220, 390; 3, J Zubricky (Cz), 165, 215, 380.

YACHTING

POINTE-A-PITRE, Guadeloupe: Route du Rhum race (3,700 nautical miles): 1, F Arthaud (Fr), 14 days 10hr 8min 28sec (record); 2, M Birch (Can); 3, P Poupon (Can).

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: Conrad Construction open handicap doubles championship: Semi-finals: J Snow and J Camkin bt J Male and C Barnes, 6-2; A Page and M Fairbarns bt R Hall and G Hayward, 6-3. Final: Page and Fairbarns bt Snow and Camkin, 6-5.

ORATORY SCHOOL: George Wimpey British women's handicap championship: First division: Semi-finals: L Barnfield bt M Happell, 6-7; M Pignon bt V Dawes, 6-7. Final: Barnfield bt Pignon, 6-7. Plate final: J Harries bt S Herbert, 6-4. Second division (at Holyport): Semi-finals: J Buggy bt S McGivern, 6-4; D Dooley bt K Warburg, 6-4. Final: Dooley bt Buggy, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles final: B Fairbarns and S Fairbairn bt A Barnard and D Siedentopf, 4-1, 2-4, 4-0.

SQUASH RACKETS

HULL: Northern championship: Humberside 2, Cumbria 3.

SWIMMING

COVENTRY: TSB national championships: Men: 200m individual medley: 1, J Davey (City of Leeds), 2:06.88; 2, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:07.52; 3, P O'Sullivan (Borough of Hounslow), 2:07.56. 100m backstroke: 1, M Harris (Barnet Copthall), 57.84; 2, M O'Connor (City of Manchester), 57.77; 3, G Williams (Portsmouth Northsea), 58.57 (Welsh record). 1500m freestyle: 1, I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 15:35.12; 2, A Pearce (City of Leeds), 16:01.10; 3, S Akers (City of Leeds), 16:02.72. 400m medley relay: 1, City of Birmingham, 3:51.86; 2, Barnet Copthall, 3:54.25; 3, City of Leeds, 3:57.97. Women: 400m freestyle: 1, K Pickering (Ipswich), 4min 21.41sec; 2, K Mellor (City of Sheffield), 4:22.55; 3, G Cook (Borough of Kirklees), 4:28.59. 200m backstroke: 1, J Deakins (Gloucester City), 2:15.42; 2, K Read (Barnet Copthall), 2:17.40; 3, S Page (Marbury Wigan Wasps), 2:17.50. 50m freestyle: 1, A Sheppard (Milngavie and Bearsden), 26.83sec; 2, C Woodcock (Barnet Copthall), 26.96; 3, K Cheney (Spondon), 27.24 (English junior record). 200m butterfly: 1, A Duffy (Derwentside), 2:18.22; 2, H Bewley (University of Swansea), 2:18.58; 3, S Purvis (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 2:17.09. 400m freestyle relay: 1, Portsmouth Northsea, 4:00.65; 2, Mercury Wigan Wasps, 4:02.07; 3, City of Southampton, 4:02.85.

RUGBY UNION

UNDER-21 MATCHES: County championship: RAF 22, Oxfordshire 12. Other match: Harlequins 38, Northampton 15.

COLTS MATCHES: NatWest county championship: Berkshire 6, Cornwall 23; Cheshire 20, Cumbria 3; Durham 9, Northumberland 13; Eastern Counties 43, Sussex 10; Middlesex 21, Hertfordshire 21; Somerset 27, Dorset and Wiltshire 10; Yorkshire 3, Lancashire 18. Other matches: Banbury 0, Northampton 70; Barkers' Butts 3, Wasps 38; Harrogate 10, Wharfedale 8; Kettering 6, Rugby 35; Moseley 3, Bath 13; Nottingham 42, Coventry 7; Vale of Lune 12, Orrell 12.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Allhallows 21, Milton Abbey 6; Bedford 3, Rugby 10; Bedford Modern 30, Oakham 10; Canford 4, Bishop Wordsworth 10; Caterham 25, Reed's 6; Chatham 42, Bethany 4; Chichester HS 15, King Edward, Southampton 19; Churcher's 6, Portsmouth GS 18; City of London Freemen's 6, Warrington HS 19; Clifton 13, Christ, Brecon 0; Colfe's 21, Latymer Upper 3; Cufford 14, Woodbridge 4; Desborough 24, Queen Elizabeth, Barnet 4; Denstone 12, Old Swinford Hospital 0; Dover 13, St Lawrence 13; Durham 7, Ampleforth 8; Epsom 3, St Paul's 20; Eltham 11, Bancroft's 0; Haileybury 12, Harrow 0; Hampton 24, London Oratory 12; Hexton GS 0, Wirral 24; Hurstpierpoint 9, Seaford 10; John Fisher 7, RGS Guildford 14; KCS Wimbledon 12, St Dunstan's 6; King's, Bruton 23, Prior Park 0; King's, Canterbury 8, Tonbridge 30; King Edward VII, Lytham 20, Ermysteds GS 8; King's, Rochester 18, Kent Coll 39; King's, Taunton 13, Blundell's 9; Maidstone GS 16, Dartford GS 8; Manchester GS 13, Liverpool Coll 6; Marling 6, Bristol GS 23; Merchant Taylors', Crosby 9, Ellesmere 4; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 0, Sevenoaks 29; Monkton Combe 0, Colston's 29; Newcastle under Lyme 9, King's, Macclesfield 22; Plymouth 22, Kelly 12; Queen Elizabeth Hospital 7, Pate's GS 18; Queen Mary GS, Walsall 0, Solihull 20; Sir Roger Manwood's 0, Duke of York's 9; Richard Hale 24, Gunnersbury 0; RGS High Wycombe 20, Aylesbury GS 0; RGS Worcester 24, Bromsgrove 3; St Ambrose 9, Stockport GS 10; St Benedict's, Ealing 24, Tiffin 0; Sedbergh 21, Rossall 9; Sherborne 15, Radley 18; Stonegate 3, Leeds 8; Taunton 3, Downside 18; Trent 10, Warwick 12; Verulam 15, Broxbourne 8; Wellington, Berkshire 11, Cranleigh 3; West Buckland 10, Grenville 7; Whitgift 51, St George's, Weybridge 0; Worth 22, Brighton 3; Wrekin 10, Worksop 12; Wycliffe 16, Queen's, Taunton 4. 18-group: Hampshire 12, Sussex 14; Warwickshire 58, Shropshire 0. 16-group: Hampshire 6, Sussex 6. Scotland: Belmont House 7, Hillhead HS 18; Bearsden/Auchenhowie HS 53, Preston Lodge HS 12; Dunfermline HS 12, Dundee HS 38; Earlston HS 28, Peebles HS 40; Elgin 36, Gordonstoun II 0; Galashiels 12, Hutcheson's GS 18; Glasgow HS 44, Paisley GS 0; Glenalmond 3, Merchiston Castle 6; Heriot's 16, Stewart's and Melville 14; Kelvinside 14, St Aloysius 18; Knox 28, Selkirk HS 0; Loretto 29, Fettes 0; Musselburgh GS 4, Eyemouth HS 14; Portobello HS 18, Linlithgow 22; Rannoch 32, Queen Victoria 0; Robert Gordon's 12, Dollar 28; Strathallan 0, Morrison's 6; Trinity 8, North Berwick HS 14; Watson's 0, Edinburgh 11. Loretto preparatory school sevens: Ardvreck 30, Cargilfield 0. Welsh national league: Brecon HS 53, King Henry VIII, Abergavenny 6; Cross Keys 9, Pontypool 9; Cynffig 28, Ynysawdre 6; Llandeilo 18, Bro Myrddin 16; Pritchard 12, Maesteg 11; Queen Elizabeth, Cambria 6, Amman Valley 23.

WOMEN'S MATCHES: Welsh Counties 14, South-East England 4; North of England 26, South-West England 3.

TABLE TENNIS

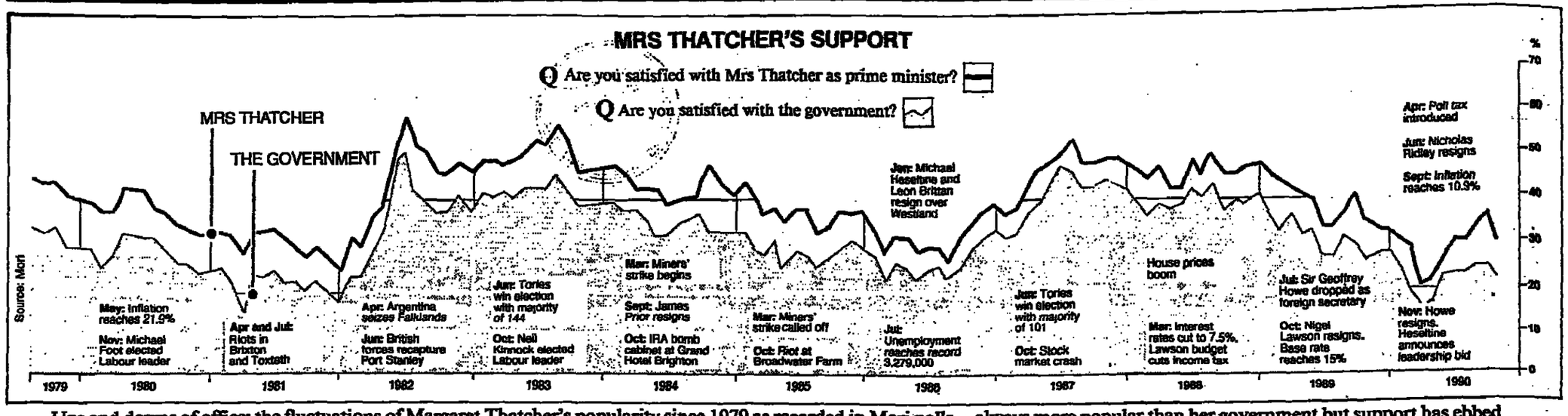
TOKYO: Japan Open championships: Men's singles: Semi-finals: M Appelgren (Swe) bt Kim Song Hui (N Kor), 24-22, 21-15, 21-15; J-O Waldner (Swe) bt Ma Wenge (China), 21-14, 21-18, 17-21, 21-18. Final: Waldner bt Appelgren, 21-19, 10-21, 21-15, 22-20.

Swansea's task

MERTHYR Tydfil have landed the plum tie of the Allbright Bitter Welsh Cup fourth round draw. The GM Vauxhall Conference club, which beat Cardiff City 4-1 in the third round, is at home to Swansea City, whom they defeated 2-0 last season.

DRAW: Merthyr Tydfil v Swansea City; Newport AFC v Colwyn Bay; Ammanford v Wrexham; B P Llandarcy v Stroud; Aberystwyth v Hereford; Caernarfon v Abergavenny; Bangor v Lex XI; Barry Town v Cheltenham.

Matches to be played by January 19.



Ups and downs of office: the fluctuations of Margaret Thatcher's popularity since 1979 as recorded in Mori polls – always more popular than her government but support has ebbed

Heseltine campaign exploited weakness in Thatcher's team

By Robin Oakley, political editor

IN campaigning terms, a prime minister of 11 years' standing proved to have few advantages over a backbench challenger. The leadership contest marked the culmination of nearly five years' work by Michael Heseltine to establish himself as a favourite in the constituencies and apply his leverage to the MP electorate that way.

Mr Heseltine had not wanted to mount the challenge himself and risk the label of party splitter. He wanted a stalking horse. In the event no stalking horse emerged but it did not matter. The breakthrough was made for him by the thunderbolt of Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech. Mr Heseltine was able to argue from then that the tensions exposed in the party could be discharged only by a full and open challenge from a front-rank contender. Splitting the party never became a significant campaign issue.

His chief lieutenants were already in place in the shape of Michael Mates, the chairman of the defence select committee, and Keith Hampson, his former parliamentary private secretary, both of whom had worked closely with him for years. Prepared also were an old Oxford friend, the one-time frontbencher Sir Peter Tapsell, rated one of the most able Tories not to make the Thatcher government, and Sir Neil Macfarlane, former sports minister and golfing partner until last week to Denis Thatcher. They acted as proposer and seconder.

The Heseltine campaign, masterminded from a couple of cluttered rooms on the sixth floor at 25 Victoria Street, had clearly been prepared in greater depth than that. Ready from the start to help out with radio and television media interviews and letters to the newspapers were a raft of helpers including Sir Peter Emery, John Lee and William Powell.

The prime minister's team had a more uncertain start, and for the group defending a sitting prime minister lacked punching power. Michael Jopling, the former chief whip, appeared in some doubt initially as to whether he would be lending a hand, so did the former cabinet minister Sir Norman Fowler, one of the key figures who will be needed to help unite the Conservatives after the contest. One of the workhorses of the Thatcher team was Gerry Neale, the MP for North Cornwall, who proved a ready link with the media.

Only Norman Tebbit, however, really punched his weight in public. Typically, he hijacked the press watchers outside Mr Heseltine's home for his own impromptu press conference. He was more helpful, however, in cementing the allegiance of the truly faithful than in winning back the waverers.

Initially the Thatcher camp, operating from a Westminster office not far from the Commons and co-ordinating their efforts with Peter Morrison, Mrs Thatcher's PPS, had clearly decided that the best approach was for Mrs Thatcher to stay above the battle. They insisted that it would be business as usual. She had a government to run and a country to represent across the world.

Mr Heseltine seized the initiative with a bold opening. Although he was taking on a prime minister who had led her party to three successive election victories, he made what his team called "winnability" the essential theme of his campaign. The successes of the Thatcher years – he was careful to pay tribute to her achievements – could best be safeguarded through the 1990s, he suggested, with him as leader. She was now too unpopular, he implied, for there to be any prospect of Tory recovery without a change of leader. Shrewdly he made the promise of a fundamental review of the poll tax.

As it became clear that Mr Heseltine was making ground, and as the opinion poll evidence stacked one way to show that the Conservatives would at least enjoy a significant honeymoon period with the voters if they were to swap Mrs Thatcher for Mr Heseltine, the Thatcher camp changed gear. The prime minister cut enough usual business to make herself available for a number of interviews. In these she went on the attack.

First she began to talk of favouring a referendum on the single European currency. Secondly she went for Mr Heseltine as someone who espoused Labour policies and who would jeopardise all that she had stood for. Both lines appeared to prove counter-productive. Mr Heseltine was able to argue that it was a little strange for her to make that accusation about someone she had readily promoted in her cabinet and who had been responsible for one of the biggest privatisations of all.

Unofficial associates of the Heseltine camp, such as Sir Ian Gilmour, were able to talk of panic by the prime minister and her supporters. Mr Heseltine himself was able to score a potent point.

His cabinet walkout and the mace-swinging episode have forced him to endure ever since the taunts that he is headstrong and intemperate. Now, however, he was able to respond with calm dignity, saying that he would not make any personal comments about the prime minister and that it was important in these difficult days to remain ice cool.

As for the referendum, on which cabinet colleagues had not been consulted, few ministers approved of a stratagem that she herself had dismissed in the past as a tool of dictators and demagogues which would fetter the parliamentary sovereignty she is so keen to defend against the Eurocrats of Brussels.

Keeping their nerve to the end, the Thatcher team members stuck all through to the insistence that they had enough votes assured for her to win on the first round. They did not seek, however, to play the bandwagon tactics adopted in 1975 by the Heath camp of insisting that the result was beyond all doubt. Their intelligence, they reckoned, was better than that of the opposition because they had had a dummy run the year before, seeing off the challenge by the stalking horse Sir Anthony Meyer.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Poster plea: a last-minute appeal outside Parliament by Mr Denzil Griffiths of London for Tory MPs to keep Mrs Thatcher at the helm and "vote for Britain"

Poll swing followed downturn by Tories

By David Lipsey

ONE point has been established beyond doubt by Michael Heseltine's challenge: the polls are agreed that he would be a more potent vote-winner in an immediate election than Margaret Thatcher.

Since the campaign opened, eight national polls have compared the Tories' prospects were he leader with those under Mrs Thatcher. All give him an advantage. The latest, Gallup in *The Daily Telegraph* yesterday, shows that 28 per cent of voters would be more inclined to vote Conservative if Heseltine were leader. Only 7 per cent would be less inclined.

Six polls tested how people would vote nationwide if he were at the helm, all showing that the Conservatives would fare better. Five said that under his leadership, the Conservatives would lead Labour by between 1 and 10 percentage points.

However, Mrs Thatcher's supporters can argue that this is a temporary phenomenon. The opinion poll evidence on this is slim, but what there is suggests that that the public has turned only quite recently against voting for the prime minister. Mori for *The Sunday Times* asked in September 1989 which of various possible candidates would do the best job of leading the Conservative party into the next general election. Mrs Thatcher comfortably topped the poll. Of those questioned, 32% put her first. Michael Heseltine came second with 22%. The subsequent slump in Conservative fortunes changed the picture. By March 1990, only 15% rated her the best leader, while Heseltine scored 40%.

Further back, Mori for *The Economist* found in July 1986 that 11% would be more likely to vote Conservative if she were replaced, compared with the 28% reported in this week's Gallup poll.

Battle may be last of its kind

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

A SERVING Conservative prime minister may never again have to face the sort of challenge laid down to Margaret Thatcher by Michael Heseltine. Yesterday's contest is likely to be the last under present rules.

As the party has torn itself apart over the last fortnight, the view expressed by senior MPs and members of the cabinet has been: never again.

When the dust has settled, the executive of the 1922 committee is expected to draw up rules that will prevent a Conservative prime minister having to face an automatic annual leadership election. It has been argued that the system introduced in 1965 by Alec Douglas-Home (now Lord Home) was never intended to be used like this: potentially to oust a serving prime minister with a 100-seat majority.

Conservative MPs, however, are jealous of their rights and will be anxious to ensure that they do not lose altogether their ability to vote out a leader who has strayed.

The complex rules which require a first-ballot winner to gain a majority of all MPs entitled to vote, in addition to a 15 per cent lead, were introduced by Lord Home in response to a widespread demand by his parliamentary colleagues for an end to the "magic circle", under which the Tory leader emerged as a result of consultations between party grandees. Lord Home was the last beneficiary.

Humphry Berkeley, Conservative MP at the time, has been credited with advising Lord Home on the rules. Apparently the 15 per cent figure was plucked out of the air and it was never suggested that there should be annual elections.

That change came in 1974 amid widespread party dissatisfaction at two successive general election defeats and it was triggered in the 1975 contest which saw Margaret Thatcher replace Edward Heath.

Ironically, until last year when Sir Anthony Meyer emerged as the most unlikely of stalking-horses to challenge Mrs Thatcher, it had not been used at all. Mrs Thatcher had served ten years as prime minister without being challenged.

Now senior party figures are arguing that it was never intended for a period when the party was in government.

Radical changes will be considered. One possibility is that leadership elections should be suspended while the party is in government. Another is that it should be made much more difficult to force a contest.

Among ideas being floated by members of the 1922 executive was ending automatic annual elections while in government. However, in order to protect the rights of MPs, a poll could be triggered if a large number of MPs, say 50, was prepared publicly to nominate a challenger.

What they said and when

THE following are a selection of key quotations made just before Michael Heseltine's challenge to Margaret Thatcher for the Conservative party leadership or during the campaign itself.

"I've made my position clear. I think Mrs Thatcher will lead the Conservative party in the next general election and win it. I've said it so often I'm embarrassed to repeat it."
Michael Heseltine (Nov 6)

"The Adulterer, The Bungler and The Joker. We list five MPs who are either actively helping Michael Heseltine in his takeover campaign or are members of Tarzan's fan club. And a rum bunch they are too."
The Sun (Nov 13)

"The time has come for others to consider their own response to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I have myself wrestled for perhaps too long."
Sir Geoffrey Howe (Nov 13)

"Goodness, I nearly drove off the road. Geoffrey is usually such a polite man."
Anne Heseltine (Nov 15)

"After three general election victories, leading the only party with clear policies resolutely carried out, I intend to continue."
Margaret Thatcher (Nov 15)

"You cannot get into a position where you say, 'I am going to support somebody for the leadership this week but not next and that my support runs out on Tuesday'."
Douglas Hurd (Nov 16)

"I would not rule out a referendum. My views on referendums are really quite simple: I think you should only hold them on constitutional issues."
Margaret Thatcher (Nov 18)

"I am not very attracted to referendums. I think this is precisely the sort of issue that Members are sent to Parliament to make decisions about."
Cecil Parkinson (Nov 18)

"If you read Michael Heseltine's book, you will find it more akin to some of the Labour party policies: intervention, corporatism, everything that pulled us down."
Margaret Thatcher (Nov 19)

"The last thing any of them ever said when inviting me to address their activists or to appear at by-elections on behalf of my party was, 'Michael, we think really you're a socialist'."
Michael Heseltine (Nov 20).

Parkinson: "I am not very attracted to referendums"

Europe: the issue that won't go away

By Our Political Editor

EUROPE will continue to divide the Tory party, whoever is leader. It has been the thread woven inextricably through most of the party's troubles during the past year.

Though they are divisions that would show far less if the economy were in good order and the opinion polls showed a Conservative lead, the party is divided essentially on the pace at which Britain should integrate with its European Community partners.

Differences over entry to the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system led to Nigel Lawson's departure from the Thatcher cabinet; Nicholas Ridley was forced to resign over his attack on Brussels Eurocrats and German ambitions in Europe; and, if there was a trigger moment that set off the challenge to Margaret Thatcher's leadership by Michael Heseltine, it was her incautious remarks in telling the Commons that she did not think that the hard ecu promoted by the Chancellor would become widely used.

That action, as well as her sharp language in condemning the Rome summit's surprise decision to set a date for the next stages of economic and monetary union, led to Sir Geoffrey Howe's decision to leave the cabinet, and his resignation speech provided the cloak of respectability for the Heseltine challenge.

Mrs Thatcher's disparaging remarks about the hard ecu plan and her scornful remarks about the way in which monetary union was being used to force Britain into federalism by the back door brought to a head Tory unease over European issues and worries about the prime minister's style of cabinet government.

The hard ecu had the backing of Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, who wants to avoid Britain being put in the position of having to choose one lane in a two-lane Europe, and of John Major, the Chancellor. The plan has few supporters in Europe, however, and the British government must look serious about it if it is to win any more. To the chagrin of the ministers on the Treasury bench, Mrs Thatcher had dealt its prospects a mighty blow.

To Sir Geoffrey it was the last straw, the worst example yet of Mrs Thatcher's tendency to agree a line in cabinet and then to go off and do her own thing. To Tories who are prepared to pool some of Britain's sovereignty to gain the advantages of club membership, it was a sign that she belonged with the hardline Euro-sceptics and not with the party mainstream.

Mr Heseltine has been able to exploit those worries. So, too, have other cabinet members with their increasingly blatant warnings that Mrs Thatcher will have to make more effort in future to stick to an agreed policy on Europe. Hence Mr Hurd's assertion that the government does not have to frighten itself with "ogres" and that "when this contest is over the prime minister and the cabinet will want to consider how to draw the threads of our policy on Europe together unmistakably and rally the party and the country behind us". That is not the kind of pressure she is used to giving in to gracefully.

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